

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The provision under Programme (2) is \$161,500,000, which is substantially increased by \$91,700,000 (131.4%) as compared to that of last year. The Administration explained that this is because of the increased provision for modernising existing lifts of government bureaux and departments. Would the Administration please advise:

- (a) Why the provision is only targeted at modernising existing lifts of government bureaux and departments? What are the details and work programme of these modernisation works?
- (b) Whether the above modernisation works involve the creation of new posts? If yes, what are these posts.
- (c) The matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 include the continued step-up of inspection and enforcement actions for lifts and escalators, and publicity work for the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance. Please advise the details and expenditure involved in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

- (a) The existing lifts of government bureaux and departments were commissioned at different times in compliance with the standards prevailing at the time of installation. Many of the existing lifts are not yet up to the current design standard.

The modernisation works will upgrade the existing lifts to the current standard by installing one or more of the following additional safety features:-

- (i) Double brake system;
- (ii) Unintended car movement protection device;
- (iii) Ascending car overspeed protection device;

