

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

The Administration indicates that it will continue to implement the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance, and under the said programme, has listed out the number of inspections and the inspection rates for lifts and escalators, as well as the number of incidents investigated. In this regard, would the Administration please provide the following information:-

(a) The estimated inspection percentage for lifts and escalators this year (i.e. 2013) is lower than that in 2011 and 2012. What are the considerations in setting the relevant inspection percentages? Will the Administration consider to increase the inspection percentage?

(b) How many staff are responsible for carrying out the inspection works? Any resources reserved to increase the manpower this year?

(c) What is the average time required by the Department to carry out each lift and escalator inspection? What are the areas covered by the inspection? Will re-inspection be targeted at contractors with lower performance?

(d) The Department has investigated 272 lift and escalator incidents last year. What are the main problems involved in these incidents? What are the numbers of injuries and fatalities resulted from the above incidents?

(e) Since the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance was enacted in April 2012, how many contractors have to face disciplinary proceedings action due to their unsatisfactory performance?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

