

**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

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Question:

1. In view of the recent lift incident that caused a number of injuries, will the Government allocate additional resources to inspect lifts, especially those undertaken by contractors with lower ranking in the contractors' performance rating, or those with prolonged years of usage. If so, what are the work details and the additional expenditures involved?

2. Will the Government deploy resources in the coming year to study the improvements to the contractors' performance rating system, for example, apart from issuing warning letters to contractors with poor performance, imposing more stringent penalties on them?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

1. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has adopted a risk-based approach to arrange audit inspections of lifts taking into account the age, type of installation, complaint, incident, change-over of maintenance contractors, and performance of contractors involved. EMSD will carry out a critical review taking into account lessons learnt from the recent lift incident in North Point. EMSD will review the risk elements for sampling of lifts for audit inspection such that more inspections would be conducted for those installations maintained by contractors with low contractors' performance rating (CPR) or those having received warning letters, orders, complaints or involved in incidents. EMSD aims at strengthening enforcement against poor performers with a view to enhancing public safety.

2. The CPR is an administrative measure employed by EMSD to supplement the legislation enforcement works. Warning letters will be issued to contractors with non-conforming performance. EMSD will initiate prosecution and/or disciplinary actions against contractors concerned if sufficient evidences are found in contravention of any provisions of the Ordinance. Furthermore, in the capacity of the Registrar under the Lifts

and Escalators Ordinance, the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services may suspend the registration of a registered contractor if he is satisfied that the contractor contravenes any provision of the Ordinance.

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