Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Development

Question:

The increase in provision under Programme (2) 2013-14 Estimate by \$91,700,000 as compared to the 2012-13 Revised Estimate is mainly for modernising existing lifts of government bureaux and departments, and creation of four new posts. Please advise:

- (a) The work details of the lift modernisation works, including number of lifts to be modernised for government bureaux and departments, their locations, engineering content of the modernisation and estimated expenditures. What are the criteria for selecting the lifts to be modernised?
- (b) The rank, duty and estimated expenditure of the four new posts to be created.

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Reply:

The provision under Programme (2) for 2013-14 Estimate is higher than the 2012-13 Revised Estimate. This is mainly due to increased provision for modernising existing lifts of government bureau and departments and the creation of four new posts.

(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 standards.

The modernisation works will upgrade the existing lifts to the current standards 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;
- (iv) Advanced car door mechanical lock and door safety edge;

- (v) Intercom and closed circuit television system; and
- (vi) Obstruction switch to protect suspension rope.

The existing lifts without any of the above features are the targets of this modernisation programme. In 2013-14, about 180 existing lifts of government bureaux and departments will be covered by the programme. These lifts are located at over 50 different government venues. The budgeted expenditure is \$88.4 million.

Modernisation of existing lifts of government bureaux and departments will not only demonstrate government's commitment on lift safety, but also set a good example for other public organisations and the private sector to follow.

(b) Regarding the four new posts, their rank and duty are:

Rank	Duty
One Senior Engineer and	for monitoring and assessing the design, testing and
One Engineer/Assistant	commissioning of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong
Engineer	Express Rail Link project
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One Senior Engineer and	for preparing and administering the new voluntary
One Inspector	registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops,
	and promoting the new requirements of the scheme as
	well as vetting of applications for the registration

The annual staff cost for the four posts is around \$3.4 million in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value.

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