

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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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 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.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

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;

