

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

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Department

Programme: (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

The indicator under the programme of Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety about electrical workers / contractors / competent persons registration applications processed is projected as 40 000 in 2013, substantially increased from 18 094 in 2012. The Administration indicated that 2013 is the cyclical peak in the registration renewal. As such, please inform this Committee the amount of manpower and resources that the Administration anticipates to deploy for handling this peak; whether there will be adequate manpower to handle, and if not, whether the Administration will recruit additional staff or outsource the service.

Asked by: Hon. LO Wai-kwok

Reply:

In preparation for the peak of the registration renewal in 2013, we have already planned to redeploy existing manpower through re-prioritisation of work to ensure smooth handling of the increase in registration renewal. As the officers involved in the registration renewal applications also handle other enforcement duties at the same time, there is no separate breakdown on the manpower involved in handling the registration and renewal applications. We have also planned to outsource clerical support service to assist in the processing of these applications. The estimated expenditure of the outsourcing work is \$0.5 million.

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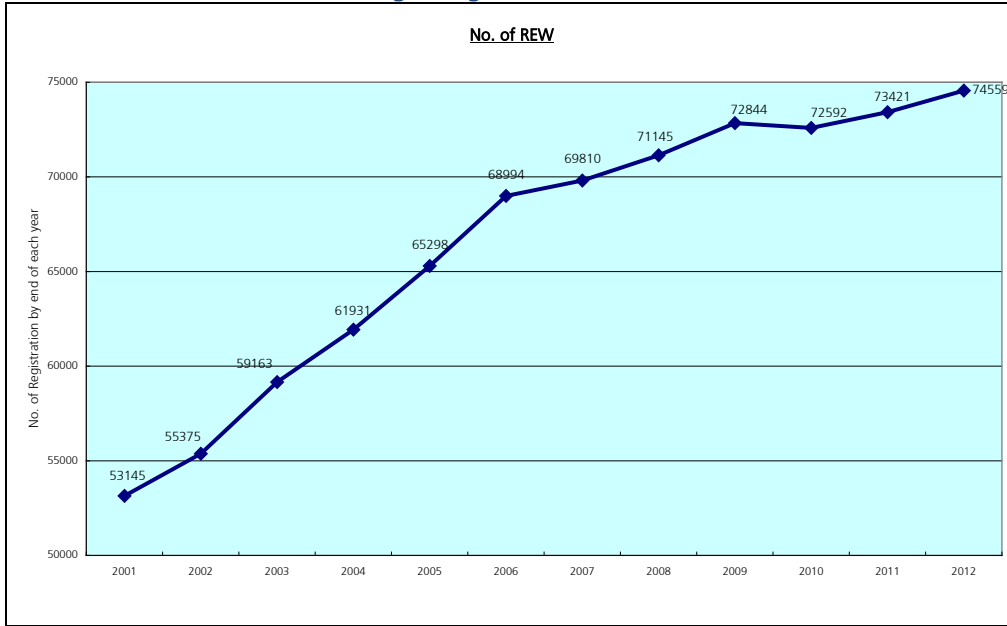
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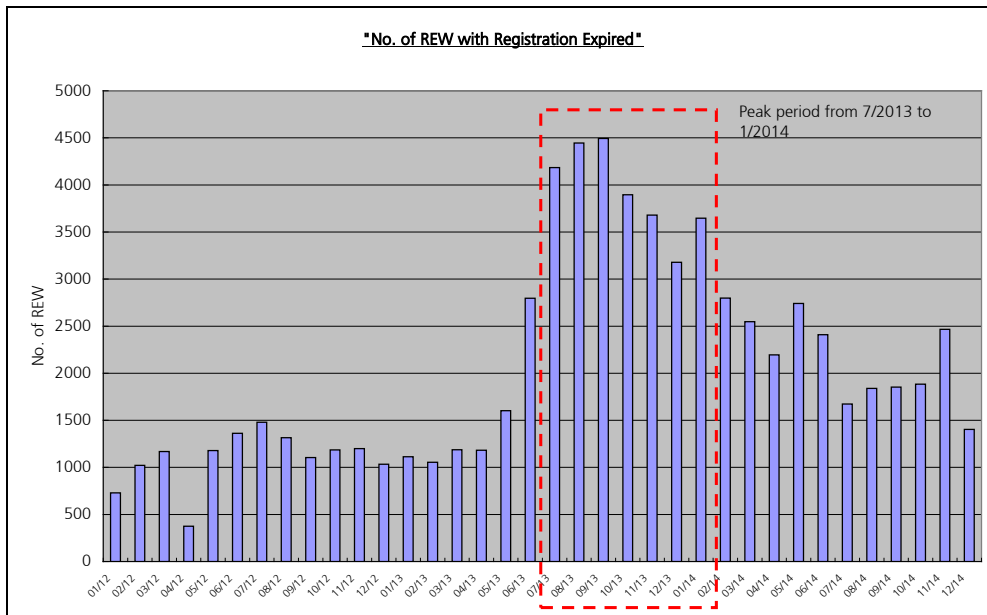
Supplementary Information to SFC Q1447

1. The estimated expenditure of \$0.5million would be spent on acquiring support on clerical work such as data input into computer system, printing of certificate, mailing of certificate, etc.

2. Registered Electrical Workers
 (a) Total number of REWs in Hong Kong



(b) Distribution of REW Expiry Date



(c) No. of REW renewal applications processed

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 (COR Estimate)
14925	34390	27369	15158	31000 ^(Note1)

(Note 1: The 2013 estimate for REW/REC/CP applications processed in the COR is 40,000, which includes the number of renewal and new applications for CP under ESLPR, REC and REW.)