

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

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4712

Head: 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead (No. & title):

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:

Regarding the examinations and inspections related to gas safety, please advise the frequency of inspections, areas inspected and the associated manpower establishment in 2012-13? Besides, what is the expenditure in 2012-2013 and the estimated expenditure in 2013-2014 related to such inspections?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2012-2013, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) conducted about 4,900 gas safety related inspections at residential buildings, commercial premises, LPG filling stations, gas storage facilities and gas production plants. As gas safety inspections are carried out by a team of engineers and inspectors whose responsibilities cover a wide range of duties, including inspection, investigation, public education and publicity, we do not have separate breakdown of manpower or expenditure involved in inspections alone.

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Supplementary Information for SFC Q4712:

Q1 How many staff took part in carrying out the 4,900 gas safety inspections?

A1. A team of 54 engineers and inspectors took part in the gas safety inspections.

Rank	No. of staff
Engineer	17
Inspector	37
Total:	54

Q2. What are those commercial premises and gas storage facilities referring to?

A2. Commercial premises mainly refer to food premises, gas appliances shops and other commercial venues

equipped with gas installation, e.g. restaurants, cooked food stalls, gas appliances retail shops, laundries, etc. While gas storage facilities mainly refer to notifiable gas installations such as terminals for importation of gas, large gasholders, gas storage tanks and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinder stores.

Supplementary information on Gas Safety Inspections (based on relevant COR items)

Category of inspections	No. of Inspections	No. of gas Installation inspected
Audit inspections to gas supply companies, contractors and distributors	1364	464
Notifiable gas installations and related inspections	1137	778
Follow-up inspections and quality assurance visits	2084	1280
Inspections of vehicles and filling stations (all before grant of approval)	34	34
Inspections of approved filling stations	251	65
Total:	4,870	2,621