## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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## Question:

Regarding the voluntary energy efficiency labelling scheme (VEELS) and the mandatory energy efficiency labelling scheme (MEELS), would the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) In the past five years (from 2008-09 to 2012-13), by types of products, what are the numbers of products covered under the above two schemes?
- (b) What are the details of the promotional work on the VEELS and the expenditure involved? Will the scheme be expanded to cover more products? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) Does the Administration have any plan to include some of the products under the VEELS into the MEELS? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) Does the Administration have any plan to formulate a comparison table for comparing the energy consumption and fuel expenditure of electrical appliance and gas appliance of the same product type? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

## Reply:

(a) In the past five years (from 2008-09 to 2012-13), the cumulative numbers of product types under the VEELS and the MEELS are tabulated as follows:

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Cumulative number of product types under VEELS	19	19	19	20	21
Cumulative number of product types under MEELS	3	5	5	5	5

- (b) The promotional work on the VEELS includes trade seminars, distribution of promotional leaflets and dissemination of information through the internet. The estimated expenditure in 2012-13 was about \$40,000. In 2013-14, we plan to expand the VEELS to cover domestic gas cookers.
- (c) The Administration has commissioned a consultancy study to review the scope of product coverage and energy efficiency grading structure of the MEELS. Some of the household electrical products currently covered under the VEELS will also be included in the study. The study is expected to complete in the second half of 2013. On the basis of the outcome of the consultancy study, we will formulate further proposals for consultation with the trade.
- (d) Electrical appliance and gas appliance are different in terms of design, technology employed and testing methodology for energy efficiency performance. We do not have plans to compare the energy consumption and fuel expenditure of electrical and gas appliances from the energy efficiency perspective.

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