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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

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Question:

Regarding the "Approval of design and construction of amusement rides; builders' lifts and tower working platforms; new brands/models of lift and escalator equipment and new railways or major railway modifications" under this programme, will the Administration advise this Committee on the following:

a. The number of applications related to amusement rides in 2012-13;

b. The average processing time for the approval of amusement rides; and

c. Will the Administration increase the resources in streamlining the approval procedures, or even to provide one-stop service, so as to attract more overseas organisations to hold carnival events in Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

a. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) processed 37 applications for approval of design and construction of amusement rides in 2012-13.

b. The average processing time for the approval of design and construction of amusement rides was 12 working days in 2012-13.

c. EMSD has taken a proactive approach to process the applications for approval of amusement rides. When approached by the applicant at the early stage of a project, EMSD will inform the applicant of the relevant statutory requirements and departments involved in the application. For urgent applications, EMSD may deploy available resources to expedite the processing of such applications.

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