

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Question:

According to the Administration's reply, the number of lifts and escalators in both the private and public sectors were increasing in the past three years. In view of the lift incidents happened recently, will the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) recruit more manpower in the coming year for carrying out lift and escalator inspection and incident investigation? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

To enhance the regulation of lift and escalator safety, EMSD created one Engineer, one Senior Inspector and six Inspector posts in 2010. Further, EMSD has deployed one Senior Engineer and one Engineer to cope with the additional workload arising from the preparation for implementation of the new Lifts and Escalators Ordinance. EMSD has adopted a risk-based approach to arrange audit inspections of lifts and escalators taking into account the age, type of installation, complaint, incident, change-over of maintenance contractors, and performance of contractors involved. Following the recent lift incident in North Point, EMSD has redeployed extra resources to carry out the inspection and incident investigation works. EMSD will review the manpower situation from time to time to ensure that sufficient resources are available to carry out inspection of lifts and escalators.

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