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Question:

In the estimate for 2026, the numbers of site inspections on electrical installations and site inspections on electrical products conducted, and the number of enquiries handled by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department are all lower than the (actual) figures in 2024. In this regard, will the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the reasons for the decrease in the above figures;
2. the scope and targets covered in the above work; and
3. the staffing establishment and expenditure involved for the above work in each of the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

1. The numbers of site inspections on electrical installations and site inspections on electrical products conducted, and the numbers of enquiries handled by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) from 2024 to 2026 are tabulated as follows:

Year	2024 (Actual/Estimate)	2025 (Actual/Estimate)	2026 (Estimate)
Site inspections on electrical installations (times)	8 593 / 8 500	8 548 / 8 500	8 500
Site inspections on electrical products (times)	3 920 / 3 900	3 923 / 3 900	3 900
Enquiries handled (cases)	8 025 / 8 000	8 674 / 8 000	8 000

The estimated figures for 2026 are determined with reference to the relevant figures in previous years and are comparable to the actual figures in 2024.

2. The scope and targets of site inspections on electrical installations mainly cover the fixed electrical installations in buildings and the power supply facilities of power companies. The scope and targets of site inspections on electrical products are local retail stores supplying household electrical products.
3. The above work of site inspections on electrical installations, site inspections on electrical products, and enquiry handling are carried out by officers from different teams of the EMSD. These officers also undertake other duties and their payroll costs have been subsumed under the daily operating costs of the EMSD. Therefore, we do not have a breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved for the work concerned.

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