## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Question:

The number of inspections of approved liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling stations was 232 in 2007 and 243 in 2006. What is the reason for the decreased number of inspections in 2007?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department conducts regular inspections of approved LPG filling stations to ensure gas safety and to closely monitor their operation. The operation of LPG filling stations has been improved since the implementation of the revised pricing adjustment mechanism for dedicated LPG filling stations in March 2006, contributing to a drop in the number of complaints received and hence the reduced number of follow-up inspections in 2007.

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