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Question: The Administration was requested to provide information on the provision of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling stations, in particular the factors considered when deciding whether to approve additional stations.

Subhead:

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

At present, there are 12 dedicated and 46 non-dedicated LPG filling stations in Hong Kong. These stations can support the entire fleet of LPG taxis and light buses. All LPG filling stations have to meet the safety requirements of the Gas Safety Ordinance and the siting has to satisfy the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines to ensure the risk level is acceptable. To make refilling more convenient for LPG vehicles, the Administration has a standing policy since 2000 to include LPG filling facility requirement in land sales for petrol filling stations, subject to safety requirements being met.

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