

Bills Committee on Lifts and Escalators Bill

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 15 November 2011**

The Administration is requested to: --

1. refine the drafting of the Chinese version of clause 34(1) to make it more readable;
2. refine the drafting of the Chinese version of clause 35(1)(b) by replacing the phrase "可取的" with a more appropriate alternative;
3. clarify the following matters in respect of the "responsible person" of a lift, particularly under the situation where the lift is not owned by the Owners' Corporation of the building concerned but the owner of a part of the building:-
 - (a) whether there is any procedure for the registration of owners of lifts; if so, what proofs are required for such registration; if there is no such procedure, how the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (the Director) would determine the ownership of a lift for the purposes of the proposed legislation;
 - (b) how the Director would determine which person (e.g. the owner or the tenant) the use permit of a lift should be issued to;
 - (c) whether a person who is not the owner of a lift can of his own accord render himself to be the responsible person of the lift;
 - (d) whether the owner of a lift can absolve himself from the responsibilities of the lift through certain legal or administrative procedure; and
 - (e) given the definition of "responsible person" in the Bill, how the Director would determine whom (e.g. the owner, tenant, or management company) an enforcement action should be taken against.

4. in respect of clause 38, provide information on:-
 - (a) past cases of subcontracting of lift works to non-registered lift contractors approved by the Director, including the number and nature of works involved; and
 - (b) the criteria adopted by EMSD for determining whether approval should be given to an application for subcontracting of lift works to non-registered lift contractors;
5. in respect of lift incidents, consider imposing a requirement on the registered lift contractor to post a notice at a suitable location with information about the lift incident (e.g. the nature of the incident and the follow-up actions that have been and are being undertaken by the contractor in respect of the incident); and
6. in respect of lift passenger entrapments:-
 - (a) consider stepping up the examination requirements on the alarm, inter-communication, and ventilation systems of lifts, as the normal functioning of these systems is vital at times of lift passenger entrapments; and
 - (b) consider broadcasting announcements in the public interest (APIs) to educate the public how they should handle lift passenger entrapments; and
7. in respect of energy-saving escalators which would automatically stop operation when not in use, consider requiring the relevant contractors and suppliers to display signs to inform users that the escalators operates through sensors.