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Dear Miss MA,

Response to the Panel on Manpower's Outstanding Questions

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Manpower on 17 March 2015 to discuss the current work safety situation of repair, maintenance, alteration and addition (“RMAA”) works, Labour Department was requested to provide further information. I reply as follows.

Causes of accidents

2. With regard to the 36 industrial fatalities in RMAA works from 2011 to 2014, a breakdown by causes of accidents is provided in the following table:

Causes of Accidents	Number of Fatal Accidents from 2011 to 2014
Fall of person from height	25
Electrocution	6
Drowning	2
Others	3
Total	36

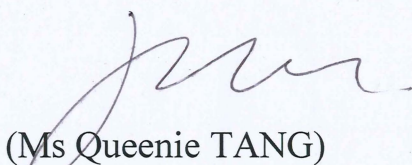
Number of successful prosecutions and the level of penalty imposed

3. With regard to the aforesaid 36 industrial fatalities, the Labour Department considered that the contractors/employers/proprietors concerned were legally liable, and had taken out prosecution actions against them.

4. As at August this year, of the 28 industrial fatal cases that were heard in court, the duty holders of 26 cases were convicted. The average and highest fines for the more common offences of the convicted cases are as follows:

Penalties for the aforesaid 26 convicted cases	
Failure to provide and maintain safe plant or system of work	
Average fine	\$20,800
Highest fine	\$40,000
Failure to take adequate steps to prevent person from falling from height	
Average fine	\$25,300
Highest fine	\$90,000
Failure to ensure the safety of workplace	
Average fine	\$22,400
Highest fine	\$40,000

Yours sincerely,


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for Commissioner for Labour