

Panel on Development

Motion passed under agenda item I "Regulatory control over lift and escalator safety" at the special meeting on 19 April 2017

The Administration's responses to the motions passed on the regulatory control over lift and escalator safety at the Special Meeting of Legislative Council Panel on Development on 19 April 2017 are as follows:-

Motion No. 1 – "This Panel requests the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to formulate codes of practice or guidelines to require lift and escalator manufacturers to provide spare parts to maintenance contractors who are not the original manufacturers at reasonable prices and within reasonable time, so as to facilitate market competition and improve maintenance quality."

2. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is liaising with the Competition Commission in preparing a guideline to remind the lift/escalator manufacturers to strictly comply with the relevant requirements of the Competition Ordinance when supplying spare parts to other maintenance contractors for lifts/escalators. The guideline will facilitate fair competition and healthy development of the maintenance works market of lift/escalator. The EMSD will issue the guideline after completion of the drafting work and trade consultation targeted at the end of June 2017.

Motion No. 2 – "This Panel requests the Government to review expeditiously the development of the lift and escalator maintenance industry, raise the levels of training allowances for attendees of apprentice training programmes and other relevant courses so as to attract young people to join the industry, and improve the remuneration packages for and working environment of lift and escalator maintenance technicians."

3. The EMSD has been monitoring the development of the industry together with the Vocational Training Council (VTC), the Construction Industry Council (CIC), trade associations and workers union. Since the VTC and CIC jointly introduced the "Earn & Learn" Scheme in 2014, the number of new apprentices joining the industry has significantly increased from about 70 a year to over 250 in 2016. Currently, the EMSD is working with the VTC to review

the training allowances of apprenticeships and other relevant courses to attract more young people to join the industry. They will also continue to explore with the trade on ways to improve the remuneration packages and working environment for workers.

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