

Bills Committee on Lifts and Escalators Bill

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 21 June 2011**

The Administration is requested to: --

1. provide a breakdown of the 173 equipment fault-related lift incidents from 2006 to 2010 involving each of the lift and escalator contractors registered with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, and to assess whether the open tendering system where contracts are normally awarded to the contractors of the lowest bid has been a cause of the lift incidents;
2. provide detailed information about the criteria and mechanism of the existing scoring/grading system for assessing the performance of the lift and escalator contractors, and to make an analysis on whether contractors with less favourable grading are frequently involved in the equipment fault-related lift incidents;
3. provide information on the proposed penalties for offences under the Bill, and the sanctions to be imposed on lift and escalator workers and engineers by the relevant disciplinary boards for misconduct, to make a comparison with other comparable legislation that have been referenced on, and to consider raising the penalty level (such as extending the imprisonment term, increasing the amount of fine for contractors etc) to enhance deterrence;
4. provide an abstract of the code of practice for lift and escalator contractors relating to the staffing, the qualification and technical experience requirements of personnel involved in maintenance or repair operations; and to consider stipulating the minimum staffing ratio and professional requirement in the Bill;
5. provide details on the training requirements for lift and escalator workers and engineers during the transitional period and for the purpose of renewal of registration, and to explore with lift and escalator contractors the possibility of full pay for lift and escalator workers during the relevant training periods.