

For information

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT

Revision of Fees under Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) (Fees) Regulation (Cap 470A) under the purview of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

PURPOSE

This paper outlines the Administration's proposed revision of eight Government fees for services related to builders' lifts and tower working platforms under the purview of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) which do not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities.

THE PROPOSAL

2. In line with the "user-pays" principle, it is Government's policy that fees charged by the Government should in general be set at levels sufficient to recover the full cost of providing the services. The eight fee items concerned are prescribed in the Schedule of the Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) (Fees) Regulation (Cap 470A) and were last revised in February 2001.

3. A review of the cost of providing the relevant services at the 2014-15 price level has been carried out recently. The result shows the cost recovery rates at existing fee levels range from 78.1% to 83.3%. In order to achieve full cost recovery gradually and avoid a steep fee increase, we propose to adopt an increase of about 10% for the fee revision.

4. Details of the fee revision proposal with upward adjustments ranging from 9.7% to 10.6% are at **Annex**. After the proposed revision is implemented, the cost recovery rates will range from 85.8% to 92.1%. We will revise the fees once the legislative amendment procedures are completed.

EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES

5. The Administration will continue to enhance efficiency and streamline procedures so as to contain the costs of providing these public services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

6. When the proposed fee adjustments are implemented, the estimated increase in revenue is about \$22,500 per annum.

WAY FORWARD

7. Members are invited to note the proposed fee revision as set out in paragraphs 3 to 4 above and detailed in the **Annex**. We will proceed with the necessary legislative amendments to implement the adjustments.

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Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) (Fees) Regulation
(Cap 470A)**

Item	Fee Description	Year of Last Revision	Existing Fee (\$)	Updated Cost Recovery Rate at 2014-15 Price Level	Proposed Fee (\$)	Proposed Amount of Increase (\$)	Proposed Percentage Increase	Cost Recovery Rate after Fee Adjustment
			(a)		(b)	(b) – (a)	[(b)-(a)]/(a)	
1.	For inclusion in the register of examiners of a person who qualifies under the Ordinance ¹	2001	930	81.9%	1,020	90	9.7%	89.9%
2.	For inclusion in register of examiners of a person who does not qualify under the Ordinance and whose qualifications are being considered by the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services under the Ordinance ¹	2001	4,125	82.5%	4,540	415	10.1%	90.8%
3.	For the renewal of registration of a registered examiner	2001	615	81.9%	675	60	9.8%	89.9%
4.	For inclusion in the register of contractors	2001	3,840	81.3%	4,220	380	9.9%	89.3%
5.	For the renewal of registration of a registered contractor	2001	615	82.0%	675	60	9.8%	90.0%

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6.	For the examination of a report and certificate of test and examination issued by a registered examiner after installation or re-erection of a builder's lift or tower working platform in accordance with the Ordinance ¹	2001	2,200	79.0%	2,420	220	10.0%	86.9%
7.	For the examination of a report and certificate of test and examination issued by a registered examiner after the carrying out of major alteration work to a builder's lift or tower working platform in accordance with the Ordinance ¹	2001	1,575	78.1%	1,730	155	9.8%	85.8%
8.	For the examination of a certificate of test and examination issued by a registered examiner after the carrying out of periodic test and examination of safety equipment	2001	425	83.3%	470	45	10.6%	92.1%

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