

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Mechanical engineering installations safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Under Programme (2), the financial provision for mechanical engineering installations safety in 2004-05 will be reduced by 6.1%. Will the reduction in provision affect the monitoring of the construction and safe operation of escalators?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply : Notwithstanding that the financial provision for mechanical engineering installations safety will be reduced, it is anticipated that with streamlined procedures and more application of technology, such as personal digital assistants and computer systems for inspection and administrative work, the lift and escalator regulatory work will not be significantly affected.

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