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Question:

According to the key performance indicators of this Programme, the estimated number of product submissions under the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MEELS) to be processed in 2024 will be 1 400, which is considerably higher than the actual number of submissions processed in 2023 by 69%. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the manpower and resources allocated for 2024-25 to cope with the processing of product submissions under the MEELS?

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The fourth phase of the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MEELS) has come into effect in 2023 and will be fully implemented on 1 December 2024, with the coverage extended to light emitting diode lamps, gas cookers and gas instantaneous water heaters. Besides, the new energy efficiency grading standards for refrigerating appliances, washing machines and storage type electric water heaters under the MEELS will also come into effect in June 2024. In view of the above, we anticipate that there will be an upsurge in the number of product submissions to be processed in 2024-25. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will flexibly deploy internal manpower resources and optimise work processes and other arrangements to cope with the short-term increase in application processing work.

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