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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

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Question: According to reply serial no. ETWB(E)040, there are already 56 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling stations in Hong Kong. The Administration considers that they can meet the refilling demand of LPG taxis and light buses.

- (1) What is the distribution of the 56 LPG filling stations? How many nozzles are there in each station? Are all nozzles open under all weather conditions?
- (2) What is the criterion in making the assessment that the stations can meet the refilling demand? What is the reason for further expansion of the LPG filling network as stated in the reply?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

#### Reply:

- (1) The distribution of the 56 LPG filling stations and the respective number of filling nozzles in the stations are shown in the attached map. The 56 stations have 410 filling nozzles and they are open at all times, subject to safety and maintenance requirements being met.
- (2) The vehicle filling capacity per nozzle is 60 vehicles per day. At present, there are 410 filling nozzles at the 56 stations, with a total filling capacity of 24 600 vehicles per day. Therefore, the capacity of the stations can meet the refilling demand of about 20 700 existing LPG taxis and light buses. Further expansion of the LPG filling network can enhance the level of convenience for the drivers to refill their LPG vehicles.

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