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Question:

Regarding the current MTR East Rail Line, it was indicated in 2022 that automatic platform screen door installation was the major task. Will the government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What is the number of incidents involving passengers falling onto tracks at stations of the East Rail Line over the past three years? What are the causes of these incidents?
2. What are the progress and details of automatic platform screen door installation?
3. Apart from the pilot projects implemented at Tai Po Market Station and Racecourse Station, what are the project timetables of automatic platform screen door installation of the rest of the stations?
4. What are the manpower and expenditures involved in automatic platform screen door installation?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

1. The number of passenger-on-track cases (including suicide, attempted suicide and other trespassing cases) at the East Rail Line (EAL) over the past three years is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of passenger-on-track cases</b>
2020	18
2021	12
2022	16

2. to 4.

The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has been carrying out preparatory works for the automatic platform gate (APG) installation for the EAL such as strengthening platform structures and installing fixings. Due to the incompatible door position of the obsolete 12-car trains and the new 9-car trains, the major on-site installation works such as adjustment of train stopping positions for the new 9-car trains could only start after the commissioning of the EAL cross-harbour section and full use of the new 9-car trains in May 2022. The MTRCL has recently completed the necessary signalling system upgrading and adjustment of train stopping positions for the new 9-car trains. According to MTRCL's latest programme, installation of the first batch of APG at Racecourse Station and Tai Po Market Station will commence in mid-2023 and installation at other stations will follow afterwards. With the experience gained in the first batch of APG installation mentioned above, MTRCL will review the installation programme for other stations with a view to completing the APG installation works as early as practicable. The cost of APG installation at EAL stations from Mong Kok East to Lo Wu / Lok Ma Chau is borne by MTRCL.

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