

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead:

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In 2008-09, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to monitor the operation and maintenance of Ngong Ping 360. Please advise :

- (a) what arrangement has been, and will be made to strengthen the monitoring of the aerial ropeway to ensure safety?
- (b) what is the expenditure involved?
- (c) will additional resources or manpower be required?

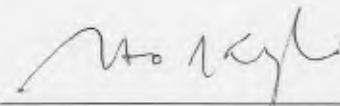
Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

EMSD will continue to adopt a series of measures for monitoring the safe operation and effective maintenance of Ngong Ping 360, including random and scheduled inspections; audit inspections subsequent to the completion of major alterations or overhauls of major equipment; and investigation of service interruptions.

The establishment of the enforcement team for aerial ropeway safety in EMSD comprises one engineer and one inspector and the total staff cost, in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value, is \$0.99 million. EMSD will redeploy existing manpower resources, as appropriate, to step up the monitoring of the operation and maintenance of Ngong Ping 360 on a need basis.

Signature



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Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Date

27 March 2008