

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

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Question:

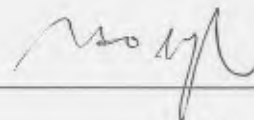
As regards the inspections of aerial ropeways, what is the reason that the estimated number of inspections in 2008 is much less than the inspections conducted in 2007?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The planned number of inspections for the aerial ropeways at Ocean Park and Ngong Ping 360 was originally set at 80 (24 for Ocean Park and 56 for Ngong Ping 360) per annum in 2006. In 2007, in view of the frequent service interruptions of the aerial ropeway of Ngong Ping 360, the number of inspections for this ropeway was increased to 89, while that for Ocean Park remained unchanged. Hence the total number of inspections for the two aerial ropeways in 2007 was 113. Since the re-opening of the aerial ropeway of Ngong Ping 360 on 31 December 2007, it has been operating in a reliable condition. The Department considers that the total number of inspections for the aerial ropeways at Ocean Park and Ngong Ping 360 could therefore be resumed to the 2006 planned level of 80 for 2008.

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