

**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:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department mentioned that the Department will continue to monitor the operation and maintenance of Ngong Ping 360 in 2009-10. Please advise:

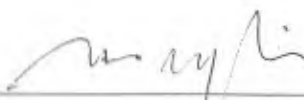
- (a) what new measures will be implemented by the Department to strengthen the monitoring of the aerial ropeway system to ensure system safety and to minimize the number of service interruption?
- (b) will additional funding and manpower be deployed for the purpose?
- (c) what will be the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

- (a) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to conduct regular surveillance inspections in connection with the operation and maintenance of the aerial ropeway, incident investigations and inspections for resuming ropeway operation after completion of major maintenance works; review the performance of the ropeway system and maintain close liaison with the operating company on necessary improvement measures to ensure the smooth operation of the aerial ropeway system in Ngong Ping 360.
- (b) EMSD will absorb the duties mentioned in (a) above within its existing resources. There is no need for additional manpower.
- (c) The total staff cost, in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value, for the enforcement team in EMSD is \$1.05 million.

Signature



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Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Date

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