

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

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Subhead:
Department

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the indicators of inspections and incidents investigated relating to mechanical installations, please advise :

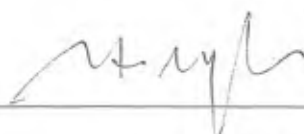
- (a) the reason for the decrease in the estimated number of inspections of aerial ropeways in 2009 compared with 2008;
- (b) the details of the incidents investigated in 2008, whether prosecution actions had been taken, and details of the prosecution actions, if any.

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

- (a) The estimated number of inspections for 2008 was set at a higher level because of the need to monitor the relatively new cable car system of Ngong Ping 360. During the period, the overall performance of the aerial ropeway of Ngong Ping 360 was stable. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has therefore planned to adjust the number of inspections in 2009. The total number of inspections of the aerial ropeways at Ocean Park and Ngong Ping 360 would be 24 and 56 respectively.
- (b) In 2008, EMSD conducted investigations into six service interruption incidents of the Ngong Ping 360 aerial ropeway. Results of the investigations revealed that four of the incidents were caused by dislocation of friction belts in the cabin conveying system, and two were caused by the malfunctioning of electronic components. As these incidents only caused service interruptions without safety implications, no prosecution action was initiated.

Signature



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Date

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