

**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 matters requiring special attention in 2010-11, under the programme of Mechanical Installations Safety, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue to monitor the operation and maintenance of the aerial ropeway of Ngong Ping 360. On the other hand, the Department will create nine posts in 2010-11 for the programme. In this connection, will the Administration advise:

- (a) whether enhanced measures and strategies will be adopted to foster the safety of reliability of the service of Ngong Ping 360;
- (b) the details of the nine posts to be created in 2010-11, including their ranks and salaries, and
- (c) whether the nine new posts to be created in 2010-11 will be deployed to the work mentioned in (a).

Asked by: Hon. Abraham Shek Lai-him

Reply:

- (a) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has been closely monitoring the operation and maintenance of the aerial ropeway of Ngong Ping 360 with a view to maintaining safe and reliable ropeway service. It will reinforce regular surveillance inspections and ropeway inspections after completion of major maintenance works, review the performance of the ropeway system, and maintain close liaison with the operating company.
- (b) The respective ranks and salaries of the nine posts to be created in the EMSD in 2010-11 are tabulated below:

<u>Ranks</u>	<u>Notional annual mid-point salary (\$'000)</u>
1 Electrical and Mechanical Engineer / Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineer (@\$543,270)	543
1 Senior Mechanical Inspector (@\$627,540)	627

<u>Ranks</u>	<u>Notional annual mid-point salary (\$'000)</u>
2 Electrical Inspectors (@\$483,480)	967
4 Mechanical Inspectors (@\$483,480)	1,934
1 Clerical Assistant (@\$147,720)	148

- (c) The eight posts comprising one engineer and seven inspectors are created to enhance the safety of lifts and escalators whereas the Clerical Assistant post is created for taking up general clerical duties. The work mentioned in (a) is handled by an existing team within the EMSD's establishment.

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