

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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Question :

What measures will the Government take to approve and inspect amusement rides?
What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

Right from the planning stage, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will assess and approve the design and installation of the amusement rides according to the safety requirements stipulated in the Amusement Rides (Safety) Ordinance, Chapter 449. Before the owners are granted the permits to use and operate the rides, the EMSD will conduct thorough on-site inspections to ensure that all the safety features are properly installed and in good working order. The EMSD will also assess the competency of the operational personnel responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the rides. During the operation stage, the EMSD will conduct regular inspections to the rides to ensure continuous compliance with the statutory requirements.

The estimated expenditure in enforcing amusement ride safety, including processing and approval of applications, assessment of personnel competence and inspections, is \$5.7 million in 2011-12.

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