

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

Regarding the inspections of amusement rides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department plans to conduct 1 950 inspections in 2011, similar to the past two years. With the increasing number of amusement rides in the Hong Kong Disneyland and the Ocean Park, please advise:

- a. Based on 1 950 inspections a year, how many times of inspections, on average, are conducted for each amusement ride each year ?
- b. Why not increasing the number of inspections in order to ensure the safety of amusement rides ?
- c. If the number of inspections is to be increased, how much additional expenses will be involved ?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

- a. There are more than 600 amusement rides in Hong Kong with various sizes and designs. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) conducts regular inspections to all the rides and the frequency of inspection of different types of rides varies, depending on the risk of the rides in question. On average, each amusement ride in Hong Kong is inspected three times a year.
- b. & c. To ensure the safety of the rides at all stages, EMSD assesses and approves their design and installation, and conducts inspections during their construction and operation. A risk-based approach is adopted in planning the inspection frequency. Based on previous safety records, the total number of inspections is considered adequate and can be maintained at a level similar to the past two years.

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