

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

Head: 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the indicators under this programme, would the Administration please advise this Committee:

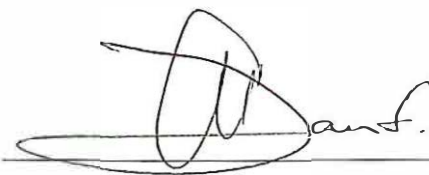
- (a) The number of inspections for Ngong Ping 360 in 2011?
- (b) The reason why the estimated number of inspections for aerial ropeways this year is less than the actual figure in 2011?
- (c) Will the Administration consider increasing the number of inspections for aerial ropeways so as to ensure the normal operation of aerial ropeways in Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

- (a) In 2011, 61 inspections were conducted for the ropeway system of Ngong Ping 360.
- (b) The estimated number of inspections to be conducted for aerial ropeways in 2012 (i.e. 85) is more or less the same as the actual figures in the past two years (i.e. 85 and 86 inspections in 2010 and 2011 respectively). It is estimated by reference to the number of inspections in preceding years. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) considers that the planned number of inspections in 2012 is adequate and should be maintained at a level similar to the past two years.
- (c) Taking into account the recent incidents that occurred at Ngong Ping 360, EMSD will review the findings of the latest investigation upon its completion and will enhance monitoring actions where necessary.

Signature



Name in block letters

_____ CHAN Fan _____

Post Title

_____ Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services _____

Date

_____ 27 February 2012 _____