

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

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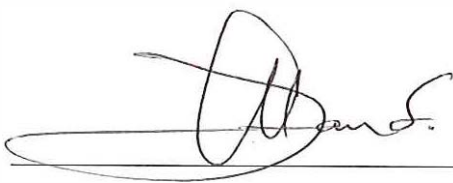
Question:

In 2012-13, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to monitor the aerial ropeways, including the Ngong Ping 360. Under the indicator for inspection of aerial ropeways, the estimated figure for 2012 is similar to that of 2010 and 2011. To ensure the normal operation of Ngong Ping 360 and to reduce the number of incidents, would EMSD consider deploying more resources to strengthen the inspection? If so, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has been closely monitoring the operation and maintenance of the aerial ropeways of Ngong Ping 360 and Ocean Park. This includes conducting regular surveillance inspections and ropeway inspections upon completion of major maintenance works, reviewing the performance of the ropeway systems, and maintaining close liaison with the operating companies on necessary improvement measures to enhance the safety and reliability of the ropeway service. Based on previous safety records, 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. Taking into account the recent incidents occurred at Ngong Ping 360, EMSD will review the findings of the latest investigation upon its completion and will enhance monitoring actions wherever necessary through redeployment of available resources.

Signature 

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