Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13

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Question:

Would the Government please advise this Committee:

Please show in tabular form the monthly service suspension records of Ngong Ping 360 ropeway last year indicating the number of suspensions and the number of days involved. What is the rationale of the Administration's estimation of five ropeway incidents to be investigated in 2012-13? Does the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department have sufficient professional manpower in investigating and monitoring ropeway safety?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

The service suspension records of Ngong Ping 360 ropeway in 2011 are tabulated below:

Month	Number of Service Suspensions	Number of Days Involved	Duration of Interruptions (minutes)
January	1	1	59
February	1	1	29
March	0	\mathrew{\pi}	26
April	0	-	-
May	1	1	27
June	0	-	-
July	0		
August	0	<u>-</u>	н
September	0	-	*
October	0		•

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November	0	-	(€)
December	3	3	88

The number of incidents to be investigated in 2012-13 is estimated by reference to the average number of incidents investigated in preceding years. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has a team of professional engineers and inspectors dedicated for monitoring ropeway safety and carrying out related investigation. EMSD reviews its resources from time to time and redeploys sufficient manpower to handle the work relating to ropeway safety, including responding to service exigencies of ropeway systems.

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