

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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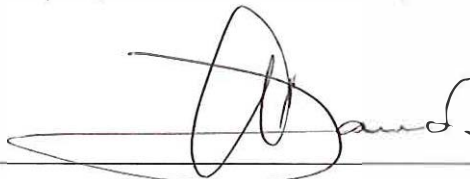
Question: Regarding the indicators under this programme, will the Administration please advise this Committee :

- (a) The number of inspections conducted in 2011 for the amusement rides at the Ocean Park;
- (b) The reason why the estimated number of inspections for amusement rides this year is less than the actual figure in 2011?
- (c) Will the Administration consider increasing the number of inspections for amusement rides so as to ensure the normal operation of amusement rides at large-scale theme parks 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, 369 inspections were conducted for the amusement rides at the Ocean Park.
  - (b) New amusement rides were launched at two theme parks in 2011 and more inspections were required during the commissioning stage of the new rides. The actual number of inspections for amusement rides conducted in 2011 was thus slightly higher than the estimated number of inspections in 2012.
  - (c) To ensure safety of amusement rides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) assesses and approves their design and installation, and conducts regular inspections during their construction and operation. A risk-based approach is adopted in the planning of inspection frequency. Based on previous safety records, the estimated number of inspections in 2012 is therefore maintained at a level similar to that of last year, which is considered adequate.

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