

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

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

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Question:

a. Will the Administration increase the number of inspections on the operation and maintenance of amusement rides at Hong Kong Disneyland, Ocean Park and carnivals?

b. Over the past three years (i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12), has the Administration initiated any prosecution against the aforementioned companies due to their poor maintenance? If yes, what are the numbers of successful/unsuccessful cases?

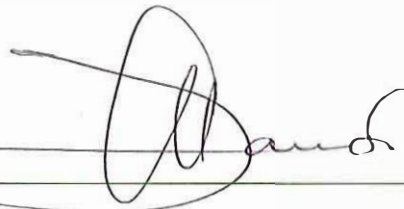
Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

a. To ensure the safety of the 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 number of inspections is considered adequate.

b. The Administration will initiate prosecution against any non-compliance with relevant ordinances. In the past three years, no prosecution was brought against the companies concerned due to their poor maintenance of amusement rides.

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