

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

- a. How many reportable incidents related to the amusement rides in the two theme parks were received by the Administration last year? Please provide the monthly statistics and details of reportable incidents from the respective theme parks.
- b. What is the existing reporting mechanism on amusement rides incidents for the two theme parks? Does the Administration have any plan to review the mechanism and enhance the public announcement of the incident details in order to improve transparency? If yes, please provide the details such as the work schedule. If no, please explain the reasons.
- c. New rides were put into service in the two theme parks last year and the number of amusement rides has increased in the parks. The Administration, however, does not have any plan to increase the number of inspections. Please explain.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- a. The monthly statistics and nature of reportable incidents related to the amusement rides in the two theme parks in 2011 are given in the following table:

Nature Month	Passengers' behavior and motion sickness		Equipment fault		Operation issue	
	Ocean Park	Hong Kong Disneyland	Ocean Park	Hong Kong Disneyland	Ocean Park	Hong Kong Disneyland
January	0	1	0	0	0	0
February	0	1	0	0	0	0
March	1	4	0	0	0	0
April	2	1	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	2	2	0	0	0	0
July	1	1	0	0	0	0
August	1	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	1	4	1	0	0
October	0	0	1	0	0	1
November	0	1	0	0	0	0
December	4	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

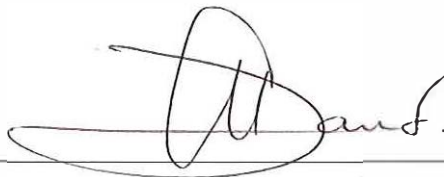
b. As stipulated in the Amusement Rides (Safety) (Operation and Maintenance) Regulation, the owner of an amusement ride shall report to the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services on certain incidents, including:

- (i) death of any person occurring in connection with the ride;
- (ii) injury to any person occurring in connection with the ride;
- (iii) failure of major components of any ride;
- (iv) any rescue operation;
- (v) any fire; and
- (vi) any ground settlement or landslide.

The two theme parks have developed and put in place a set of public announcement arrangements on certain incidents arising from their amusement rides. The Administration will, from time to time, monitor the effectiveness of the reporting mechanism and consider enhancement measures where necessary.

c. To ensure the safety of amusement rides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department assesses and approves their design and installation, and conducts inspection during their construction and operation. A risk-based approach is adopted in planning the inspection frequency. Based on previous safety records, the total number of inspections in 2012-13 is considered adequate and can be maintained

at a level similar to the past few years.

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