

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question:

Regarding the indicators under this programme, the actual number of inspections of aerial ropeways in 2006 is 225, an increase of 181% (145) over the estimated number of inspections for 2006 (80). Will the Administration explain why the actual number of inspections of aerial ropeways in 2006 is greater than expected and what is the increased expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

For the aerial ropeways at Ocean Park and the Ngong Ping 360, a total of 80 planned inspections are scheduled per annum. However, during the testing, commissioning and initial operation period of the Ngong Ping 360 in 2006, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department conducted additional inspections on top of the planned inspections with a view to ensuring the smooth operation of the aerial ropeway. Through these inspections, areas for enhancement have been identified and implemented, and the operation of the Ngong Ping 360 has become stable. The additional inspections were carried out with the Department's existing resources through internal redeployment and no additional staff and resources were required.

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