

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

Regarding the indicators under this programme, the estimated number of inspections of aerial ropeways in 2007 is 80, which is the same as the estimated number for 2006. However, the actual number in 2006 was 225. Will the Administration explain why the estimated number of inspections of aerial ropeways in 2007 is the same as that for 2006?

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. During the testing, commissioning and initial operation period of Ngong Ping 360 in 2006, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) conducted additional inspections to ensure the smooth operation of the cable car system. Through these inspections, areas for enhancement have been identified and implemented regarding the operation of the Ngong Ping cable car system. The planned number of inspections for 2007 for the cable car systems in Ocean Park and Ngong Ping is the same as that for 2006. Nevertheless, EMSD will closely monitor the situation and deploy resources for additional inspections through internal redeployment should such a need arises.

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