

**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

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Question:

For monitoring the operation and maintenance of the aerial ropeway of the Ngong Ping 360,

- (a) how many staff members of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) are deployed to perform the relevant duties at present?
- (b) will the EMSD adjust the number of staff deployed to monitor Ngong Ping 360 as its operation is becoming stable? If yes, please provide the number of staff to be added/reduced and the relevant details and the implications on expenditure. Will this involve additional expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

The EMSD deploys a team including one engineer and one assistant mechanical inspector to monitor the operation and regulate the safety of aerial ropeways in Hong Kong, including Ngong Ping 360. During the testing, commissioning as well as initial operation periods of Ngong Ping 360, EMSD has deployed additional manpower through internal redeployment to closely monitor the cable car system to ensure its smooth operation. The Department will continue to deploy adequate resources to monitor the operation of the Ngong Ping cable car system in accordance with practical needs. No additional resources will be involved as arrangements will be made through internal redeployment.

Signature _____

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Date

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