

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

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Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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Question:

The Administration will continue to monitor the operation and maintenance of the Ngong Ping 360 in 2007-08. Please advise the headcount and resources deployed by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in 2006-07. Will additional resources be required in 2007-08 with a view to enhancing the service quality of Ngong Ping 360? Please advise if there is any improvement measure to enhance its performance. If positive, please provide details of works and associated expenses.

Asked by: Hon. LI Kwok-ying

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 period of Ngong Ping 360, EMSD has deployed additional manpower through internal redeployment to closely monitor the cable car system to ensure its smooth operation. In 2007-08, 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.

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Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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