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Dear Ms Yau,

Panel on Economic Development

Follow-up to the meeting on 22 February 2010 “Issues relating to the operation of the Ngong Ping ropeway”

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2010. As requested by members at the captioned meeting, we provide the following information for the Panel’s reference:

- (a) Since commencement of the Ngong Ping ropeway in September 2006 up to June 2007, i.e. during the 9-month period under the management of the former Skyrail-ITM (Hong Kong) Limited (Skyrail), there were 10 incidents of operation-related service suspension which required activation of the notification mechanism. From re-opening of the ropeway on 31 December 2007 to present (2 March 2010), during the 26-month period under the management of Ngong Ping 360 Limited, there were 7 incidents of operation-related stoppage which required activation of the notification mechanism. Details are at Annex 1.

- (b) On 11 December 2009, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) issued a warning letter to Ngong Ping 360 Limited reiterating the need to comply with the established mechanism for making incident reports to EMSD. A copy of the letter is at Annex 2.
- (c) As regards the arrangements relating to the MTRC's acquisition of Skyrail, MTRC has already responded to the enquiry vide an information paper to the Panel on 22 October 2007 (see Annex 3).

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs Winifred CHUNG)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development