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Dear Dr Hon QUAT,

**Examining the Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 2015-16
Question Serial No. R120**

In response to your earlier question on the operation of Ngong Ping 360, our reply is as follows -

Visitor Numbers, Cable Car Fares and Revenue

Ngong Ping 360 includes a ropeway system and the Ngong Ping Village. The number of visitors, cable car fares and revenue (including cable car fares and rental income from the Ngong Ping Village) over the past three years are tabulated below.

Year	Number of Visitors (million)	Cable Car Fares (Round Trip)	Revenue (\$ million)
2012	1.36*	\$135 (Standard) \$213 (Crystal)	249
2013	1.65	\$150 (Standard) \$235 (Crystal)	316
2014	1.83	\$165 (Standard) \$255 (Crystal)	375

* Ngong Ping ropeway suspended service from 26 January to 4 April 2012 to conduct checking and maintenance.

Capacity

Ngong Ping ropeway can provide a maximum of 108 passenger-carrying cable car cabins, comprising 36 crystal cabins and 72 standard cabins. The maximum passenger capacity of a crystal cabin and a standard cabin is 10 persons and 17 persons respectively. At a normal operating speed of 5m per second, Ngong Ping 360's cable car system can handle a maximum of 19 500 passengers daily.

Ngong Ping 360 receives more visitors during holidays (including Lunar New Year, Buddha's Birthday, summer vacation, Christmas and other festivals), averaging about 6 000 to 7 000 a day. On weekdays, there are about 3 000 to 4 000 visitors daily on average.

Maintenance and Depreciation Expenses and Income, Expenditure and Net Balance

The Ngong Ping 360 Limited is a subsidiary of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL). In accordance with the Tung Chung Cable Car Ordinance, the MTRCL has been granted a franchise to operate, manage and maintain the cable car system, and to determine and collect fares during the franchise period. The operating expenditure of the cable car system and the Ngong Ping village is the commercial decision of the Board of Ngong Ping 360 Limited. The Government does not subsidise the operation of Ngong Ping 360, and does not have any information on its maintenance and depreciation expenses nor the income, expenditure and net balance.

Special / Thematic Events and New Initiatives

Ngong Ping 360 organised many special events over the past three years, including the "HK Movie-in-Dance", an outdoor performance integrating dance with acrobatic arts; the "Ngong Ping 360's Got Talent" which provided an excellent platform for local talented performers to showcase their skills; the "360 Rope Skipping Spectacular", breaking the Guinness World Record for the "Most People Skipping Double Dutch Style"; the "360 Breadtaacular", a musical bread performance based on the popular Korean television series performed by PANG SHOW and the "360 Pogo Jumpathon", a performance showcasing Pogo jumps stunts. The Government does not have any information on the expenditure involved in these special events which is part of the commercial operations of Ngong Ping 360 Limited.

In 2015, 360 Holidays, a travel trade subsidiary of Ngong Ping 360, will launch a new guided tour "360 Buddhism Walk" bringing visitors to the Dong Shan Fa Mun, the Wisdom Path, the Tian Tan Buddha, the Po Lin Monastery and the Grand Hall of Ten Thousand Buddhas, etc. The walk will enable

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visitors to experience the serenity of the Lantau Island and achieve greater synergy among famous tourism spots on the Island. In the coming two years, Ngong Ping 360 will continue to launch special/thematic events and new tour programmes to attract more visitors.

Yours sincerely,



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