

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The estimates of the provision for “Mandatory Provident Fund contribution” and “Civil Service Provident Fund contribution” under “Personnel Related Expenses” in 2008-09 increase significantly by 1.3 times and 4.1 times respectively as compared with that of the revised estimate in 2007-08. What are the reasons for the increase?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The increase in the provision for “Mandatory Provident Fund contribution” under “Personnel Related Expenses” in 2008-09 is mainly due to the recruitment of more officers to fill the vacancies in the Audit Commission. As for the “Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) contribution”, increased provision is required in 2008-09 as more officers, who joined the civil service on or after 1 June 2000 and were subsequently offered permanent terms of appointment, will become eligible to join the CSPF Scheme.

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