

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

The estimate of the provision for "General departmental expenses" in 2008-09 is more than \$5.9 million, which is the double 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 "General departmental expenses" in 2008-09 is mainly due to the increased requirements for new and replacement equipment and information technology facilities, commissioning of consultancy service and staff training.

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