

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 148 of the 2015-16 Budget Speech that “I asked all policy bureaux to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritising. I have also launched the ‘0-1-1’ envelope savings programme to reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the next three financial years. Resources saved will be re-allocated for new services”. Please inform this Committee of the details of implementing the “0-1-1” programme in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, as well as the affected services and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) plans to achieve savings through re-engineering and re-prioritisation of work processes including:

- (i) re-engineer publicity and promotion activities through strengthening partnership with stakeholders to co-organise activities and wider use of alternative means and media for publicity and public education (such as working in collaboration with stakeholders to provide energy consumption data and benchmarking information through dedicated website, more extensive use of electronic means in disseminating safety promotion publication); and
- (ii) re-prioritise work process through streamlining enforcement procedures (such as enhancing the adoption of risk-based approach in reviewing the frequency and extent of surveillance inspections and sample testing for analysing liquefied petroleum gas quality).

Indeed, the estimate for EMSD for 2016-17 is higher than that for 2015-16 by 3.1%, reflecting that efficiency savings achieved through “0-1-1” programme and new resources have been allocated to EMSD for delivering new/improved services.

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