

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy
Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (Alfred W H SIT)
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Question:

The operational expenses of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in 2018-19 will be increased by about \$82 million over the previous year. Of which, how much will be spent on Phases IIIB and IIIC of the district cooling system project at the Kai Tak Development?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 17)

Reply:

The increase of about \$82 million in the operational expenses of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in 2018-19 over the previous year is mainly due to the net increase of 64 posts in 2018-19, increased provision for filling of vacancies and day-to-day operating expenses of the portions of the district cooling system at the Kai Tak Development which have been completed by stages. The works under Phases IIIB and IIIC of the district cooling system project at the Kai Tak Development are classified as capital works projects. The expenditure of such works is funded under Subhead 5045CG of the Capital Works Reserve Fund and is not included in the operational expenses of the EMSD (Head 42).

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