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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead (No. & title): (661) Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)
Programme: (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy
Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (Alfred W H SIT)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

The estimate under Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote) represents an increase of 557.6% over the revised estimate for 2019-20, which is mainly due to the increased requirement for projects. Please explain to the Committee the reason for the increased requirement.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure under Subhead 661 for 2020-21 is \$211.5 million, which represents an increase of \$179.3 million over the revised estimate for 2019-20. The increase in provision is mainly for 3 policy measures, namely implementing new energy saving projects under the Green Schools 2.0 (i.e. installing energy saving equipment, such as variable-speed air-conditioners, light emitting diode lighting and real-time energy monitoring systems, etc., at the premises of primary and secondary schools); and enhancing 2 existing measures, i.e. retro-commissioning for existing major government buildings, and installing solar photovoltaic systems via the Solar Harvest at the premises of more schools (except government and profit-making schools) and welfare non-governmental organisations receiving recurrent subventions from the Social Welfare Department.

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