

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead (No. & title): (696) Energy saving projects in government buildings (block vote)
Programme: (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy
Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (PANG Yiu-hung)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

Under Sub-head 696, \$110 million is earmarked for acquisition and replacement of plant and equipment for government buildings for the purpose of energy saving. However, the revised estimate for the previous year only accounts for 63.7% of the approved estimate:

- 1) Please explain the reasons for the low spending of approved estimate in the previous year;
- 2) Please provide a list of additional plant and equipment proposed to be acquired and replaced under the estimate of this year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

1. The projects funded under the approved estimate for 2020-21 commenced as scheduled. However, some venues and facilities were closed entirely or suspended from operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in unforeseen project delay. The relevant estimates have been revised accordingly in the light of the development of the pandemic and project progress.

2. The estimate for Sub-head 696 "Energy saving projects in government buildings (block vote)" for 2021-22 is \$110 million, representing an increase over the revised estimate for 2020-21. A breakdown of the number of projects is tabulated below:

Type of energy saving projects	Number of energy saving projects in 2020-21	Number of energy saving projects in 2021-22
Energy-efficient air-conditioning and control systems	37	44
Energy-efficient lighting and control systems	4	10
Other energy saving projects	1	0

Type of energy saving projects	Number of energy saving projects in 2020-21	Number of energy saving projects in 2021-22
Total	42	54

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