

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead:

Programme: (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question: How much funding has been earmarked for research and promotion of renewable energy in 2008-09? What are the details of the relevant plan?

Asked by: Hon. CHOY So-yuk

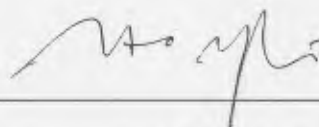
Reply:

The estimated expenditure for research works on renewable energy in 2008-09 is \$0.5 million. Details are as follows:

Study	Aim	Estimated Expenditure	Target Completion Date
Sun Tracking Photovoltaic System	To test the effectiveness of the technology in enhancing electricity generation of the photovoltaic system in local context.	\$0.5 million	September 2008

In 2008-09, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue to maintain the thematic website, the "HK RE Net" (<http://re.emsd.gov.hk>), providing both technical and general information on various renewable energy technologies with a view to facilitating their adoption. The Department has also earmarked about \$0.1 million for publishing information leaflets and guidance notes, and organising seminars and talks to students, stakeholders and the public to promote renewable energy.

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Date

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