

**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: The budget of this Programme for 2009-10 will increase by 123.4%, i.e. \$135.5 million comparing with the revised estimate for 2008-09. The Administration explains that it is due to the creation of two posts, increased provision for procurement of energy-saving equipment for various government departments and subvented organisations, promoting energy efficiency and conservation as well as renewable energy, etc.

Please list out the increased provisions for the above items and the duties of the two new posts.

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

The breakdown of the increase in provision of \$135.5 million for 2009-10 is as follows:

	Item	\$ million
(a)	Creation of two posts	0.8
(b)	Increased provision for procurement of energy-saving equipment for various government departments and subvented organisations	130.0
(c)	Promoting energy efficiency and conservation as well as renewable energy, and filling of vacancies	4.9
(d)	Increased cash flow requirements for a general non-recurrent item	0.6
	Total	136.3

The above increase is partly offset by the completion of two general non-recurrent items and reduced requirements for plant and equipment, which result in a reduction of \$0.8 million. This gives a net increase of \$135.5 million (i.e. \$136.3 million minus \$0.8 million).

The two new posts will be responsible for the preparatory work for the proposed mandatory implementation of the Building Energy Codes.

Signature



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Date

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