

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

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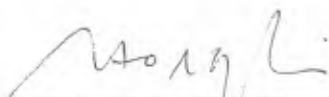
Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question Regarding the studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009-10, please advise the work to be carried out by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in the next three years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2011-12) and the estimated expenditure to be involved.

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

EMSD will provide technical support to the Environment Bureau to conduct studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market. The studies will cover the exploration of various options of a new market mechanism and the associated regulatory framework for the electricity market, with due regard to the unique situation of Hong Kong. The cost of such technical support will be absorbed by existing resources.

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