

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead:

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

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Question : The budget of the programme (Programme 3) for 2010-11 is \$182,400,000, which is a 25.4% decrease as compared to the revised estimate of \$244,600,000 for last fiscal year. In recent years, the Government greatly promotes green economy, please advise the reasons for the substantial reduction to this budget.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The reduction in budget is mainly due to the difference in provisions for energy-saving projects for the two years. There was a one-off provision of \$130 million in 2009-10 for implementation of energy-saving projects as part of the job-creation package, and this, together with other provisions already earmarked for 2009-10, gave a total of \$200.4 million for energy saving projects at various government departments and subvented organisations in that year, while the provision for procurement of energy-saving equipment in 2010-11 is \$131.2 million.

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