

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

In the Indicators of the Programme, the number of the electrical workers/contractors/competent persons registration applications to be processed will drastically increase to 40 000 in 2010. The Department indicated that this is due to the peak in the registration renewal in the coming year. As such, please advise the adequacy of manpower and resources in handling the relevant registration. Please also provide the detailed arrangement and the manpower and expenditure forecast for handling the registration and renewal applications.

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

In preparation for the peak of the registration renewal in 2010, we have already planned to deploy additional manpower and resources to ensure smooth handling of the increase in registration renewal in that year. The additional manpower and resources are met by redeployment of existing resources within this department. We shall handle the applications according to the established procedures. As the officers involved in the registration and renewal applications are also entrusted to handle other enforcement duties at the same time, there is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in handling the registration and renewal applications.

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