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

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Question: Regarding the studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market, please advise the work plan and estimated expenditure in the next two years (i.e. 2010-11 and 2011-12).

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue to provide technical support to the Environment Bureau (ENB) to conduct studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market. The studies being conducted 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. As the officers providing technical support to ENB also handle other duties at the same time, there is no separate breakdown on the expenditure for each task.

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