

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : Regarding the studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market, please advise:

- (a) the work details, progress, manpower and expenditure involved in each of the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11);
- (b) the future work plan, associated expenditure and manpower for this task, as well as the proportion of resources involved within the estimates of the programme and the department .

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) In the past three years (i.e. 2008-2009 to 2010-11), the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) supported the Environment Bureau (ENB) to conduct studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market. The studies covered 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. Findings of the study are being analysed. EMSD deploys existing resources to handle the studies. As the officers providing technical support to ENB also handled other duties at the same time, there was no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure for each task.
- (b) EMSD will continue to provide technical support to ENB on the studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market. As mentioned in (a) above, EMSD will deploy existing resources to handle the work and there is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure for such work.

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