

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (POON Kwok-ying)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

The revised estimate under this Programme decreases by 15.9% against the original estimate in 2024-25, and the estimate continues to decrease by 6.9% in 2025-26. Please explain in what aspects the expenditure was primarily reduced. Will the operation of the department be affected after the decrease?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The decrease of 15.9% in the revised estimate against the original estimate in 2024-25 under Programme (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy is mainly due to the decreased cash flow requirement for the “Green Schools 2.0 – Energy Smart” programme as some of the works originally planned were carried out by the schools themselves with other funding, and the lower-than-expected awarded tender prices for some of the works contracts.

The decreased provision of 6.9% in 2025-26 against the revised estimate in 2024-25 is mainly due to the decreased cash flow requirement for the “Green Schools 2.0 – Energy Smart” programme owing to the completion of the final batch of retrofitting works in 2024-25. Such decrease will not affect the operation of the department.

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