# Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2025-26

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#### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy

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### Question:

The revised provision for 2024-25 under this Programme is \$474.3 million, which is considerably lower than the original provision for 2024-25 by 15.9%. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the reason for the decrease in revised provision for 2024-25?

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

## Reply:

The revised estimate under Programme (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy in 2024-25 is \$474.3 million, which is \$89.5 million (-15.9%) lower than the original estimate. This 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.