

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The estimate for general non-recurrent expenditure for 2009-10 is \$1,644,000, which is 92.3% higher than the revised estimate of \$855,000 in 2008-09. What is the main reason for the rise in expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply :

The general non-recurrent expenditures in both years mainly comprised the cost of the consultancy study to review the "Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings and Renovation Works". The revised estimate for 2008-09 and the estimate for 2009-10 for general non-recurrent expenditure are cashflow payments reflecting the actual work done by the consultant in 2008-09 and the work expected to be carried out in 2009-10 respectively.

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