

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

The Administration indicates that the operation of the Joint Office by the Buildings Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to handle public complaints about water seepage problems will be extended for three more years. Please compare the provision for and manpower of the Joint Office in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 against those in 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply :

The Buildings Department (BD) will extend its participation in the operation of the Joint Office (JO) for three more years with an additional provision of \$87.342 million. The annual provision in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 will be \$29.114 million each year, compared with the annual provision of \$26.488 million in 2008-09. The BD will continue to employ a total of 72 contract staff for the operation of the JO.

Signature

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AU Choi-kai

Director of Buildings

16 March 2009