

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : Under "Hire of services and professional fees", the estimated expenses of 2006-07 will increase more than \$12,000,000 when compared with the revised estimate of 2005-06. Please provide in specific details on the increased amount.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

Compared with the revised estimate of 2005-06, there will be an increase of \$12,458,000 in the 2006-07 estimate under "Hire of services and professional fees".

The increase is mainly due to the increase in outsourcing work to consulting firms in 2006 for inspection of buildings targeted for large scale removal of unauthorised building works (UBWs), surveillance patrols of new UBWs, investigation of building defects, and investigation of water seepage under the expanded joint office with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for handling public complaints about water seepage in the whole territory.

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10 March 2006

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