

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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Question: The revised estimate for 2006-07 (\$45 million) shows a decrease against the original estimate (\$50 million). Why is the estimate for 2007-08 (\$51 million) set at a level similar to the original estimate for 2006-07?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

The estimate of \$51.6 million for 2007-08 is \$6.4 million higher than the revised estimate of \$45.2 million for 2006-07. The increase is mainly to cater for salary increments for existing staff and creation of four posts primarily for strengthening support for the land administration work in relation to Programme (1) Land Administration.

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