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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Programme: (3) Intra-Governmental Services

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Question:

Regarding “supervise the development and implementation of Greening Master Plans”, have any resources been allocated to carry out greening in new towns of the New Territories, in particular the outlying islands, not only to improve the local environment but also to attract more visitors?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply:

Upon completion of the development of Greening Master Plans (GMPs) in urban area, GMPs studies in the New Territories (including outlying islands) will commence in mid-2009 for completion in 2012. Before that, we shall also implement greening enhancement proposals at focal points in the New Territories as interim measures. Implementation of these will be met by existing resources.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09  
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Question :

In the analysis of the financial provision under Subhead 000 Operational Expenses, the estimates for temporary staff and general departmental expenses in 2008-09 have substantially increased as compared with the revised estimate for 2007-08. Please tell us the work of those temporary staff. As the general departmental expenses will increase by 50%, on what work will the expenses be spent?

Asked by :                      Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

Temporary staff includes graduate/undergraduate trainees under the Graduate Training Scheme and Undergraduate Training Scheme as well as non-civil service contract staff to carry out computer-related and other support services.

The general departmental expenses for 2008-09 is about 50% higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to increased provision for minor consultancy studies, maintenance and enhancement of computer systems, computer services and publicity programme for implementation of Construction Workers Registration Ordinance, etc.

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