

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Food and Health

Question :

The replacement of specialised vehicles and minor plant and equipment has led to an increase of more than \$80 million in financial provision over the revised estimate for 2007-08. Please give details of the replacement exercise.

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

The information sought is provided as follows –

Items to be procured	Purpose	Estimated Expenditure
62 refuse collection vehicles	To replace retiring vehicles	\$89.6 million
3 street washing vehicles	To replace 1 retiring vehicle and to procure 2 additional vehicles to meet shortfall in operational requirements	\$3.0 million
1 vehicle washing machine	To replace old machine which is beyond repair	\$1.4 million
1 passenger lift control at depot	To replace existing defective lift control	\$0.5 million
3 escalators and 2 air-cooled chillers in markets	To replace old and deteriorating ones	\$5.3 million
3 hydraulic loading arms in slaughterhouse	Additions to enhance safe meat production	\$5.1 million
2 gas chromatograph mass spectrometers in food laboratory	To replace old ones which are beyond repair	\$2.6 million

Items to be procured	Purpose	Estimated Expenditure
2 passenger lifts in crematorium	To replace old and deteriorating ones	\$1.5 million
Total		\$109.0 million

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