

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Provision for 2008-09 has increased by \$354.4 million, mainly due to increased expenses for cleansing services and purchase of specialised vehicles. How much does each of these two items account for the additional provision, and what is the amount of increase for cleansing services? Please also advise on the specialised vehicles to be purchased, and whether some existing vehicles of a similar type will be replaced.

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

The increase is attributed to increased operating expenses for environmental hygiene services which include mainly cleansing services (\$270 million) and capital expenditure for replacement of specialised vehicles (\$84.4 million). For specialized vehicles, 62 refuse collection vehicles and 1 street washing vehicle will be procured to replace retiring ones, and 2 additional street washing vehicles will be procured to meet shortfall in operational requirements.

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