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Question:

Given that the estimate for 2015-16 is 1.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 365)

Reply:

The estimate for 2015–16 of \$1,010.9 million in this programme is 1.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2014–15 mainly due to filling of vacancies, creation of new posts and increased operating expenses for food safety and public health services. There will be an increase of three posts.

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