

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Given that the estimate for 2016-17 is 6.2% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure. Please also advise on the details.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 385)

Reply:

The estimate of \$3,440.3 million in this programme for 2016-17 is 6.2% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. This is mainly due to filling of vacancies, increased operating expenses for crematoria and columbaria services, as well as increased operating and capital expenses for street cleansing services. A total of 34 street washing vehicles will be replaced in 2016-17.

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