

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

Given that the estimate for 2016-17 is 8.7% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 388)

Reply:

The estimate of \$1,896.0 million in this programme for 2016–17 is 8.7% higher than the revised estimate for 2015–16. This is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, creation of new posts, increased operating and capital expenditure for market management, as well as increased expenditure under the Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas. There will be an increase of 39 posts.

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