

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

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Question: The estimate of \$111,485,000 under specialist supplies and equipment for 2009-10 is 99% higher than that for the revised estimate of \$55,800,000 for 2008-09. What is the reason for this?

Asked by: Hon. IP LAU Suk-yee, Regina

Reply: This is mainly due to the planned commissioning of the advance disinfection facilities of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme, stage 2A in late 2009. This will considerably increase the expenditure requirement for chemicals charged under specialist supplies and equipment.

Signature _____

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