

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

Given the importance attached to productivity enhancement, why is the estimate in respect of allowances for 2002-03 3.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The increase of \$152,000 (3.5%) is mainly attributable to the estimated higher requirement in acting allowance in 2002-03 arising from the filling of some posts by acting appointment since late 2001-02.

We adopt a stringent approach in granting allowances. In fact, the estimated expenditures under Subhead 002 Allowances in the 2001-02 Revised Estimates and 2002-03 Draft Estimates are \$642,000 (12.8%) and \$490,000 (9.7%) respectively lower than the 2001-02 Approved Estimate; and \$385,000 (8.1%) and \$233,000 (4.9%) respectively less than the actual expenditure in 2000-01.

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