

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (91) Lands Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in the 2015-16 Budget Speech that “(I asked) all policy bureaux ... to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritising. I have also launched the “0-1-1” envelope savings programme to reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the next three financial years. Resources saved will be re-allocated for new services.” Please inform this Committee of the implementation of the “0-1-1” programme in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, and the details of the services affected/to be affected and the expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

Under the “0-1-1” envelope savings programme, bureaux are requested to deliver 1% savings on their respective annual operating expenditure in 2016-17 and 2017-18. The primary purpose is to encourage bureaux and departments to enhance productivity and effectiveness in the use of resources through greater efforts in re-engineering and re-prioritisation. The savings achieved could be released for internal re-distribution towards the provision of new and improved public services.

The estimate for the Lands Department (Lands D) for 2016-17 is higher than that for 2015-16 by 1%, reflecting that efficiency savings achieved through the “0-1-1” programme and new resources have been allocated to Lands D for delivering new/improved services.

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