

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please explain the reasons why the estimated amounts of Mandatory Provident Fund contribution and Civil Service Provident Fund contribution under 'Personnel Related Expenses' in 2008-09 increase by 63% and 90.5% respectively when compared with the amounts of 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The increase in the provision for Mandatory Provident Fund contribution in 2008-09 is mainly due to the recruitment of more officers to fill vacancies following the resumption of open recruitment.

As for the Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) contribution, more provision is required in 2008-09 mainly due to the full-year CSPF provision for those officers who joined the civil service on or after 1 June 2000, and were subsequently offered permanent terms of appointment and became eligible to join the CSPF Scheme in 2007-08.

Signature _____

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