

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

The allowances under personal emoluments of Operational Expenses have risen from \$8.83 million in 2008-09 to \$10.52 million in 2009-10, representing an increase of nearly 20%. Please explain the reasons for such a large increase in detail.

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The allowances under personal emoluments of Operational Expenses mainly cater for overtime, acting and on-call duty allowances. Based on the actual/anticipated increase in overtime allowance to clear tax assessments, the requirement for 2008-09 is revised to \$10.33 million, and the estimated requirement for 2009-10 is slightly increased further by 1.8% to \$10.52 million.

Signature _____

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Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

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