

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

At present, how many people are using electronic services for filing tax returns and making tax payments?  
What is the percentage of these people out of the total number of taxpayers?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

In 2007-08 (up to 29 February 2008), the number of tax returns lodged electronically is around 142 700 (or 6.3% of the total number of individual tax returns and property tax returns received), representing a growth of 32 000 cases (or 29%) over the same period of the previous year.

In 2007-08 (up to 29 February 2008), around 1 294 000 payments for earnings and profits tax (or 56% of total) are made by electronic means, representing a growth of 38 000 cases (or 3%) over the same period of the previous year.

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Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

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