

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

**HAB151**

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department

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Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

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Question:

The financial provision for legal aid for 2010-11 is \$81.8 m, which is 1.6% less than that of the original estimate for 2009-10. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The provision for 2010-11, though 1.6% less than the original estimate of 2009-10, is actually 1.7% more than the revised estimate of 2009-10. Allocation of the provision of legal aid costs is done holistically based on past actual expenditure pattern and estimated costs for lengthy trials and high costs cases.

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