

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The estimated provision for 2009-10 is 4.9% higher than the revised estimate for 2008-09. Please give the reasons for the increase. Will the full amount of additional provision be used for creating 12 posts? What are the rank and duties of these new posts?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The increase in financial provision under this Programme is mainly attributed to creation of posts and increase in departmental expenses relating to enhancement of food safety regulatory functions and pest control services.

The posts to be created are in the grades of Health Inspector, Scientific Officer (Medical), Pest Control Officer, Pest Control Assistant, Field Assistant, Laboratory Attendant and administration support grades. Their main duties are to perform food safety regulatory work and provide pest control services.

Signature _____

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