

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

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Question :

The estimate for Mandatory Provident Fund contribution for 2009-10 (\$8.137 million) increases by 83% as compared with the revised estimate for 2008-09 (\$4.451 million), far higher than the increase of 5.2% in Salaries under Personal Emoluments over the same period. Please explain why there is such a huge increase in the Provident Fund contribution during the following period:

	2007-08 (Actual) (\$ '000)	2009-10 (Estimate) (\$ '000)	Increase
Personal Emoluments - Salaries	2,139,634	2,365,852	+10.6%
Mandatory Provident Fund contribution	2,822	8,137	+1.9 times
Civil Service Provident Fund contribution	1,200	3,666	+2.1 times

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

Officers appointed to the civil service on or after 1.6.2000 are not on pensionable terms and are subject to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance. The significant increase in the estimated Mandatory Provident Fund expenditure in 2009 – 10 is due to an increase in the number of civil servants recruited in 2008-09

and that planned for recruitment in 2009-10, and the increase in the estimated expenditure in Civil Service Provident Fund is due to the increase in the number of civil servants on probation/agreement terms who will change to new permanent terms in 2009-10.

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