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Question:

The estimate for 2016-17 is 11.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. What are the reasons? What are the manpower and expenditures involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 667)

Reply:

The estimate of Programme 5 - Public Libraries for 2016-17 is 11.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. This is mainly due to the commissioning of new libraries in 2016-17, including the Yuen Chau Kok Public Library and the Fanling South Public Library, provision of a new central reserve stack at Yuen Long, the net increase of 25 posts and filling of vacancies, as well as inflationary adjustment. The estimate of Programme 5 for 2016-17 involves 1 546 staff with estimated personal emoluments of around \$530 million.

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