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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

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In relation to: Expenditure growth - calculations

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Answer Due Date: 6 August 2024

MS LEE: So 26/27 and 27/28 to get to the surplus which is based on the assumption that expenditure increase will be less than 3 per cent. Under-treasurer, you also said that there has been some provisions baked into that figure. What are the provisions for? Like what percentage of that does that make up?

Mr Hocking: It is just a conservative—in terms of what it makes up? I would have to take that on notice. I do not have it in front of me.

MS LEE: All right. No worries. Thank you, Chair.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

A range of central provisions are used in formulating the budget estimates to ensure that the aggregate estimates reflect anticipated events that cannot be assigned to specific agencies. Examples include enterprise bargaining agreements, a conservative bias allowance, decisions taken by Government which are commercially sensitive in nature and provisions for other centrally held revenue, expense and capital expenditure estimates.

In the 2024-25 Budget expense provisions account for the following portion of consolidated General Government Sector expenses:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Portion	0.2%	3.7%	4.5%	4.7%

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA