

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

000 Operational Expenses

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is noted that the Department will create 55 non-directorate posts in 2008-09. Please list out in table form the grade, spectrum of duties and annual payroll cost of each post involved. Which area(s) of services will be enhanced by these newly created posts?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

Details of the 55 non-directorate posts to be created in 2008-09 are as follows:

| <u>Area of Work and Duties</u> | <u>Posts</u> | <u>Notional annual mid-point salary (\$ '000)</u> |
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| (a) To convert 43 non-civil service contract positions with long-term service need to civil service posts with a view to sustaining the existing level of the Buildings Department's service in licensing, management of outsourced projects, registration of building professionals and removal of unauthorised building works. | 13 Building Surveyors | 6,710 |
| | 9 Structural Engineers | 4,787 |
| | 13 Survey Officers (Building) | 2,392 |
| | 8 Technical Officers (Structural) | 1,472 |
| (b) To implement the proposed minor works control system. | 1 Senior Building Surveyor/Senior Structural Engineer | 975 |
| | 3 Building Surveyor/ Structural Engineer | 1,596 |
| | 2 Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural) | 368 |

| <u>Area of Work and Duties</u> | <u>Posts</u> | <u>Notional annual mid-point salary (\$ '000)</u> |
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| (c) To establish a heritage unit to provide technical advice on compliance with the Buildings Ordinance and to process building plan submissions involving alterations and adaptive re-use of heritage buildings. | 1 Senior Building Surveyor 1 Senior Structural Engineer | 975 975 |
| (d) To enhance site audit checks of new building works under construction. | 4 Building Surveyor/ Structural Engineer | 2,128 |

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Buildings

Date 20 March 2008