

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 :

In the 2008-09 financial year, the number of non-directorate posts in the Buildings Department will increase by 55 posts to a total of 884 posts. What are the posts, duties and salary expenses involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

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

<u>Nature</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Notional annual mid-point salaries (\$'000)</u>
(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	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>Nature</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Notional annual mid-point salaries (\$'000)</u>
(c) To form a heritage unit to provide technical advice on compliance with the Buildings Ordinance and 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	4 Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer	2,128

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ CHEUNG Hau-wai

Post Title _____ Director of Buildings

Date _____ 19 March 2008