

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development

Question :

The estimated provision for 2009-10 is \$890 million (an increase of 6.6%), with the main objective to implement a special programme to remove abandoned signboards. The number of signboards to be removed will be 3 750. Under the Programme, 78 posts will be created. Please provide the post titles, duties and salary points of these 78 posts.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

The increase in the estimated provision for 2009-10 by 6.6% is mainly due to (i) an increase of 78 non-directorate civil service posts; (ii) filling of vacancies; and (iii) the implementation of a special programme to remove abandoned signboards.

Details of the 78 non-directorate posts to be created in 2009-10 are as follows :

<u>Area of Work and Duties</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Notional annual mid-point salary (\$'000)</u>
(a) To make preparations for and implement the minor works control system	1 Senior Structural Engineer	1,037
	4 Building Surveyors	2,188
	2 Structural Engineers	1,127
	3 Survey Officers (Building)	581
	2 Technical Officers (Structural)	387

<u>Area of Work and Duties</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Notional annual mid-point salary (\$'000)</u>
(b) To convert 44 non-civil service contract positions with long-term service need to civil service posts with a view to building up a permanent outfit for implementing the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance in collaboration with the Fire Services Department	2 Senior Building Surveyors	2,073
	8 Building Surveyors	4,375
	7 Senior Survey Officers (Building)	2,948
	24 Survey Officers (Building)	4,650
	1 Clerical Officer	304
	2 Assistant Clerical Officers	379
(c) To speed up the inspection programme for implementing the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance to enhance fire safety provisions in buildings	1 Senior Building Surveyor	1,037
	1 Senior Structural Engineer	1,037
	3 Building Surveyors	1,641
	1 Structural Engineer	564
	4 Senior Survey Officers (Building)	1,685
	11 Survey Officers (Building)	2,131
	1 Technical Officer (Structural)	194

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

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Director of Buildings

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