

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

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Question :

The Buildings Department will remove a total of 5 000 abandoned signboards in 2009-10. What is the additional manpower required to deal with this work? How many of the posts concerned will be permanent posts?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

In addition to the planned annual target for 2009 to remove/repair 1 600 advertisement signboards, the Buildings Department (BD) will implement a special operation in 2009-10 to remove 5 000 abandoned signboards by March 2010. The BD will recruit 25 additional non-civil service contract staff comprising six professional, 18 technical and one clerical staff for this special operation. The signboard demolition works will be outsourced to contractors, expecting to create another 145 job opportunities in the private sector.

Signature

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Director of Buildings

16 March 2009