

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 :

Regarding the special operation to remove abandoned signboards implemented by the Buildings Department, what are the details of the manpower and expenses involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

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. For the special operation, the one-off financial provision will be \$18 million, out of which \$7 million will be for BD's employment of 25 additional non-civil service contract staff. The remaining \$11 million is to cover the cost of signboard demolition works to be carried out by outsourced contractors, expecting to create another 145 job opportunities in the private sector.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ AU Choi-kai \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Buildings \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2009 \_\_\_\_\_