

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Regarding “advertisement signboards removed/repared”, the actual number of cases attended to in 2009 was 6 470 and the plan for 2010 is 3 000 cases. Is there any reduction in the staff attending to these cases? Of the staff reduced in 2010-11 compared with 2009-10, how many are civil servants? What percentage does this reduction represent in the original manpower? How much expenses will be saved in this regard?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

- (1) In addition to the regular annual target of removing/repairing 1 200 advertisement signboards, the Buildings Department (BD) launched a one-off special operation in March 2009 to remove 5 000 abandoned signboards in 12 months' time. To implement this special operation, the BD set up a special operation team comprising 25 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff in 2009 for a term of one year.
- (2) It is estimated that 600 signboards will be removed/repared in the special operation in the first quarter of 2010. On top of that, 2 400 signboards will be removed/repared in the regular operation to be undertaken by the BD's existing staff in 2010. As such, the BD has adjusted the overall 2010 annual target for removing/repairing advertisement signboards to 3 000.

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