

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**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 staffing establishment in the Programme, will the Government advise on:

- (a) the total number of existing staff in the Department, and the respective numbers of staff in the civil service establishment and those employed under the non-civil service contract (NCSC) terms;
- (b) for the NCSC staff, please list their respective posts, their numbers in such posts and their respective ranks;
- (c) it is said that the Department will no longer employ a substantial number of NCSC staff in 2010-11, please advise on the number of staff involved and the amount of expenditure the Department will thus save; and
- (d) there will be an increase of four posts in 2010-11 as indicated in the Programme, please advise on the duties and ranks involved in these posts.

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply :

- (a) The total number of staff in the Buildings Department (BD) as of 28 February 2010 was 1 666, including 975 civil servants and 691 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff.

- (b) The 691 NCSC staff engaged by the BD are Building Surveyor (Contract) (63), Structural Engineer (Contract) (58), Survey Officer (Contract) (70), Technical Officer (Contract) (63), Building Safety Officer (153), Building Safety Assistant (197), Administrative Assistant (9), Contract Translator (1), Contract Clerk (57), Contract Clerical Assistant (8), Quality Control Assistant (2), Accounting Officer II (Contract) (1), Publicity Assistant (2), System Support Engineer (2), Information Technology Officer (3) and Assistant Information Technology Officer (2). The staff are posted in various sections/units of the Department.
- (c) Upon the completion of the ten-year enforcement programme to remove unauthorised building works and to improve building safety in Hong Kong, the relevant resources for the programme, including the NCSC staff, will come to an end on 31 March 2011. The BD has agreed that these staff will continue to be employed in 2010-11 until 31 March 2011.
- (d) The four posts to be created in 2010-11 are : Senior Building Surveyor, Building Surveyor, Structural Engineer and Senior Survey Officer (Building). They are created in the Information Technology Unit of the Department to handle permanent duties identified and taken up by that unit.

Signature _____

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