

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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

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

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

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Question :

The Buildings Department has estimated that there will be an increase of 176 posts in 2011-12. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) How much expenditure is involved for the increase of these posts?
- (b) Are these posts permanent ones? If not, what kinds of posts are they?
- (c) What are the titles and job details of these posts?

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply :

(a) The estimated expenditure for the 176 posts planned to be created in the Buildings Department in 2011-12 is \$72.8M per year.

(b) The 176 posts to be created are all civil service posts.

(c) The 176 new posts include 75 professional posts (i.e. 10 Senior Building Surveyor / Senior Structural Engineer and 65 Building Surveyor / Structural Engineer posts), 62 technical posts (i.e. eight Senior Survey Officer (Building) / Senior Technical Officer (Structural) and 54 Survey Officer (Building) / Technical Officer (Structural) posts), as well as 39 general grades posts (such as Information Officer, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer and Clerical Officer grades posts). These posts are created to implement the Department's new initiatives, including large-scale operations for removal of unauthorised building works and investigation and repair of dilapidated buildings, public education and publicity programme, implementation and enforcement of the proposed Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme/ Mandatory Window

Inspection Scheme and the proposed signboard control system, etc. to enhance building safety in Hong Kong and to strengthen the support services of the Department.

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