

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

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Question :

In 2011-12, the Buildings Department will increase 176 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown of the 176 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

176 non-directorate posts will be created in 2011-12 to assist the Buildings Department to implement the new package of measures to enhance building safety in Hong Kong on which we have briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Development. The new initiatives include large-scale operations for removal of unauthorised building works, inspection and repair of dilapidated buildings; public education and publicity programmes, the proposed Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme/ Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme; the proposed signboards control system, etc. to enhance building safety in Hong Kong and to strengthen the support service of the Department. The estimated expenditure is \$72.8M per year. The 176 new posts include 75 professional posts (i.e. 10 Senior Building Surveyor/Senior Structural Engineer and 65 Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer posts (Master Pay Scale Points 30 to 49 (\$42,410 - \$89,140)), 62 technical posts (i.e. eight Senior Survey Officer (Building)/Senior Technical Officer (Structural) and 54 Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural) posts (Master Pay Scale Points 9 to 29 (\$14,975 - \$40,515)), as well as 39 general grades posts (such as Information Officer, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer and Clerical Officer grades posts (Master Pay Scale Points 1 to 33 (\$9,040 - \$48,670)).

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