

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

Head: 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In 2012-13, the estimated expenditure of the Buildings Department will increase by \$206.2 million and 59 posts will be created. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the increase in estimated expenditure and manpower.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The increase in the 2012-13 draft Estimates by \$206.2 million is mainly due to increase in salary payments (\$98 million), increase in payment for Land Registry/Companies Registry Trading Fund services (\$52 million), increase in payment to outsourced consultants (\$40 million) and increase in payment of rental for additional office accommodation (\$14 million).

As regards the 59 new civil service posts to be created in the Buildings Department in 2012-13, they include one directorate post (D1), 26 professional posts (four Senior Building Surveyor / Senior Structural Engineer and 22 Building Surveyor / Structural Engineer posts), 24 technical posts (four Senior Survey Officer (Building) / Senior Technical Officer (Structural) and 20 Survey Officer (Building) / Technical Officer (Structural) posts), as well as eight general grade posts (four Analyst / Programmer posts and four Clerical Officer grade posts).

Signature _____

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