

**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:

- a) Among the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012–13, the Buildings Department will fully implement the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS). The Department has commenced the registration of registered personnel under MBIS and MWIS and started other preparatory work. Please provide the information below:

| | Staff Establishment | Expenditure |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Registration of registered personnel under MBIS and MWIS | | |
| MBIS | | |
| MWIS | | |

- (b) There will be an increase of 58 non-directorate posts in 2012-13. Please list the ranks of the posts and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- (a) The Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) are planned for full implementation in the second quarter of 2012. The work arising from the MBIS and the MWIS will be handled by the existing resources for 488 professional and technical staff of the two

Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of the Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the resources solely for implementing the two schemes. As for the registration of registered inspectors (RI), the existing resources of 20 professional and technical staff of the Registration Unit of the BD are responsible for the task as part of their overall duties in the registration of all registered personnel under the Buildings Ordinance. For the same reason, we are not able to provide a breakdown of the resources solely for handling the registration of RI.

- (b) The 58 new non-directorate civil service posts to be created in 2012-13 include 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 grade posts). The estimated expenditure is \$26 million per year.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Buildings

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