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Question:

The Buildings Department will create 87 posts in 2013-14. Will all these new posts be engaged for enhancing enforcement relating to building safety? What are the respective duties and ranks involved in these 87 posts?

Asked by: Hon. NG Leung-sing

Reply:

The 87 new posts to be created in the Buildings Department (BD) in 2013-14 comprise 21 professional posts (four Senior Building Surveyor / Senior Structural Engineer and 17 Building Surveyor / Structural Engineer posts), nine technical posts (Survey Officer (Building) / Technical Officer (Structural) posts) and 57 clerical grade posts.

Among the 87 new posts, ten posts for professional and technical staff and 57 posts for clerical grade staff will be engaged for strengthening departmental and supporting services, as well as enhancing the BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme through strengthening the research and development capacity, enhancing the audit function and reinforcing the support for various divisions in implementing the BD's enforcement programme. The other 20 posts for professional and technical staff will be assigned to strengthen services in the approval of building plans and related applications for private development projects.

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