

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title):

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Question:

Regarding new buildings under the Programme, the Administration has estimated that 390 new building proposals will be approved in 2013-14. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. Of the 390 new building proposals to be approved, what are the estimated number of residential developments and their distribution in each district?
2. Of the gross floor area (GFA) of the proposed new buildings to be approved, what are the total GFA and number of small and medium-sized residential flats involved?
3. What are the estimated changes in the composition of posts, number of posts and expenditure of the staff establishment in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) has estimated that about 390 new building proposals with a total gross floor area (GFA) of about 4 600 000 square metres will be approved in 2013. The BD is unable to estimate the number of residential developments among the new building proposals that it may approve and their distribution on a geographical basis, or the total GFA and number of small and medium-sized residential flats involved, as all these will depend on the applications to be received.

To strengthen services in the approval of building plans and related applications for private development projects, 20 new posts for professional and technical staff comprising one Senior Building Surveyor, one Senior Structural Engineer, five Building Surveyors, six Structural Engineers, three Survey Officers (Building) and four Technical Officers (Structural) will be allocated to the New Buildings Divisions of the BD in 2013-14. The above increase in manpower involves an additional expenditure of about \$7 million per annum.

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