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Question (Member Question No. 12):

In 2013-14, what was the actual number of additional non-directorate staff in the establishment of the Department, and how many of them were non-directorate contract staff outside the original establishment? In 2013-14, what was the actual number of non-directorate staff employed outside the establishment? What are the estimated number of non-directorate civil service staff to be employed by the Department and the planned number of additional non-directorate contract staff in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Buildings Department (BD) created 87 additional non-directorate civil service posts. Among these posts, 77 of them were converted from non-civil service contract (NCSC) positions. As at February 2014, 410 NCSC staff were employed by BD. In 2014-15, 215 additional non-directorate civil service posts will be created in BD. Among these posts, 202 posts will be converted from NCSC positions. BD does not have an estimate on the NCSC positions to be created in 2014-15. The Department will continue to monitor and examine the staffing position and workload of the Department and will consider employing additional NCSC staff as and when necessary to meet service need that is short-term or where the mode of delivery of the service is under review or likely to be changed. BD will ensure that there is sufficient manpower to implement different building safety initiatives and enhance its service to the public.