Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

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Question:

With reference to Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)135:

Among the 215 new posts to be created in 2014-15, 202 posts are converted from non-civil service contract (NCSC) positions. Thus, the actual number of additional civil service posts is only 13. In this connection, will the 202 NCSC positions be deleted, or will there be new recruitment or other arrangements? If the positions are to be deleted, what specific arrangements will be made, will all the positions be deleted in one go, or will there be partial deletion or deletion by phases?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chuen, Tony

Reply:

Among the 215 civil service posts approved for the Buildings Department (BD) in 2014-15, the creation of 202 posts would be offset by deletion of the corresponding number of non-civil service contract (NCSC) positions. The conversion will be implemented by phases taking into account factors including BD's actual operational needs, the contract expiry date of NCSC staff, and the progress of recruitment of civil service staff.