

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (82) Buildings Department
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Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (HUI Siu-wai)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

As stated under the Programme, the Buildings Department has an estimated 1 506 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015, rising by 152 posts to 1 658 posts as at 31 March 2016. What are the types and job nature of these new posts? In addition, there will be 32 directorate posts. Will the Government inform this Committee of the types, salaries, allowances and job nature of the 32 directorate posts, and of the types, numbers, salaries, allowances and job nature of the 1 658 non-directorate permanent posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

The 152 non-directorate posts to be created in 2015-16 in the Buildings Department (BD) comprise nine professional posts (Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer posts), 24 technical posts (Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural) posts), 110 clerical posts and nine posts of other grades.

Among the 152 posts, three posts will be engaged in the handling of office relocation projects; 32 posts will be allocated to the Joint Offices set up by BD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to tackle public reports on water seepage; and the remaining 117 posts will be deployed to various sections/units of BD to strengthen the clerical and administrative support for their respective areas of work, including enforcement actions, plan processing, site monitoring and licensing matters.

The distribution of grades/ranks and salaries of the 32 directorate posts and 1 658 non-directorate posts are tabulated below –

Directorate Posts		
Rank	Establishment	Salary (\$)
Director of Buildings	1	202,800 - 208,900
Deputy Director of Buildings	1	168,300 - 183,700
Government Building Surveyor/ Government Structural Engineer	6	144,700 - 158,250
Chief Building Surveyor/ Chief Structural Engineer	24	121,900 - 133,300
Total	32	

Non-directorate Posts		
Grade	Establishment	Salary (\$)
Building Surveyor	316	51,825 - 109,340
Structural Engineer	222	56,820 - 109,340
Survey Officer (Building)	370	18,310 - 81,260
Technical Officer (Structural)	181	18,310 - 81,260
Others (including Common and General Grades)	569	11,055 - 109,340
Total	1 658	

Allowances are one of the fringe benefits and are subject to the appointment terms of individual officers. Details of allowances and fringe benefits for civil servants can be found in the Civil Service Bureau's website (<http://www.csb.gov.hk>). The work nature of the professional (Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer) and technical (Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)) grades in BD is wide ranging and the details are available at BD's website (<http://www.bd.gov.hk>). For the other grades, they are mainly to provide administrative and clerical support.

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