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Question:

In 2015-16, the Buildings Department will have a net increase of 152 posts, with the existing 1 506 non-directorate posts rising by as much as 10% to 1 658. What new posts are they? Will the additional manpower be deployed to enhance the inspection of subdivided units?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 5)

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.

Moreover, additional resources of 18 non-civil service contract technical staff will be deployed to the two Existing Buildings Divisions of BD in 2015-16 to assist in implementing BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes, including taking enforcement action against unauthorised building works associated with sub-divided flats.

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