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Question:

The authorities stated that there would be an increase of 86 posts in 2016-17 including conversion of existing non-civil service contract (NCSC) positions to civil service posts for the continued implementation of the initiatives in enhancing building safety. In this connection, will the authorities inform this Committee of the nature and scope of the work of the 86 posts, the number of those civil service posts that are converted from NCSC positions, and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 99)

Reply:

The 86 non-directorate posts to be created in 2016-17 in the Buildings Department (BD) comprise 25 professional posts (Senior Building Surveyor/Senior Structural Engineer/Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer), 45 technical posts (Principal Survey Officer (Building)/Principal Technical Officer (Structural)/Senior Survey Officer (Building)/Senior Technical Officer (Structural)/Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)), 12 clerical posts and four posts of other grades. Among these 86 posts, 35 posts are to be converted from non-civil service contract positions.

Among the 86 posts, 40 posts will be engaged in conducting large scale operations against unauthorised building works and clearing outstanding removal orders; 11 posts will be engaged in expediting the processing of new building plans; 29 posts will be allocated to the Joint Office set up by the BD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to tackle public reports on water seepage; and the remaining six posts will be deployed to various sections/units of the BD to strengthen the administrative and clerical support for their respective areas of work.

The notional annual mid-point salary (NAMS) value of the 86 posts to be created in the BD in 2016-17 is \$37,539,600.

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