

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (82) Buildings Department
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Question:

The Buildings Department has an estimated 1 658 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2016, rising by 86 posts to 1 744 posts as at 31 March 2017. 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 1 744 non-directorate permanent posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 312)

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 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 distribution of grades/ranks and salaries of the 32 directorate posts and the 1 744 non-directorate posts are tabulated below –

Directorate Posts		
Rank	Establishment	Salary (\$)
Director of Buildings	1	217,150 - 223,650
Deputy Director of Buildings	1	180,200 - 196,700
Government Building Surveyor/ Government Structural Engineer	6	154,950 - 169,450
Chief Building Surveyor/ Chief Structural Engineer	24	130,500 - 142,750
Total	32	

Non-directorate Posts		
Grade	Establishment	Salary (\$)
Building Surveyor	322	54,220 - 117,080
Structural Engineer	240	59,445 - 117,080
Survey Officer (Building)	411	19,160 - 84,480
Technical Officer (Structural)	185	19,160 - 84,480
Others (including Common and General Grades)	586	11,570 - 117,080
Total	1 744	

Allowances are 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 the BD is wide ranging and details are available at BD's website (<http://www.bd.gov.hk>). For the other grades, they are mainly responsible for providing administrative and clerical support.

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