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Question:

The estimate for 2016-17 is higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16 by 3.3%. What are the reasons for that? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 348)

Reply:

The estimate for 2016-17 is higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16 by \$41.8 million (3.3%). The higher estimate is mainly due to the additional salaries and personnel-related expenses arising from the increase of 86 posts in 2016-17. The additional posts are for enhancing the Buildings Department's enforcement work relating to unauthorised building works and strengthening its capacity in processing new building plans.

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