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Question:

On page 78, it is mentioned that “in 2017-18, there will be a net increase of 55 posts mainly for the continued implementation of the initiatives in enhancing building safety”.

Will the Buildings Department advise this Committee on the divisions to which the 55 posts will be deployed (with the number of posts), and on the respective positions and responsibilities?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. 203)

Reply:

The net increase of 55 non-directorate posts in 2017-18 in the Buildings Department comprise 23 professional posts (Senior Building Surveyor/Senior Structural Engineer/Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer), 25 technical posts (Principal Survey Officer (Building)/Principal Technical Officer (Structural)/Senior Survey Officer (Building)/Senior Technical Officer (Structural)/Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)), six clerical posts and one post of other grade.

The net increase of 55 posts involves the creation of 56 posts, to be offset by the expiry of one time-limited technical post in New Buildings Division 2. Among the 56 new posts, 54 posts will be deployed to the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Corporate Services Division to step up enforcement actions in industrial buildings to improve fire safety and to enhance building safety in non-industrial buildings; and two posts will be deployed to New Buildings Division 1 to process applications for approval of plans, consent for commencement of works and occupation permits and related matter in relation to the Three-Runway System Project at the Hong Kong International Airport.

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