

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Provision for the Buildings Department for the coming year is \$171.3 million (12.2%) higher than the revised estimate for last year. This is mainly due to the increased provision for enhancing building and slope safety, and for the creation of 125 posts. What are the details of the 125 posts? Would deletion of contract posts be involved while creating the 125 posts? If so, what are the details of the contract posts to be deleted?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 63)

Reply:

The 125 posts to be created in 2018-19 in the Buildings Department (BD) comprise 50 professional posts (Senior Building Surveyor/Senior Structural Engineer/Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer), 46 technical posts (Senior Survey Officer (Building)/Senior Technical Officer (Structural)/Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)), 21 clerical posts and eight posts of other grades.

Among the 125 posts, 52 posts will be engaged in enhancing building safety including strengthening enforcement actions and supporting the implementation of Operation Building Bright 2.0; 30 posts will be engaged in coping with the increased workload in processing of new building plans; 15 posts will be allocated to the Joint Office set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and BD to strengthen the manpower to tackle public reports on water seepage; four posts will be engaged in implementing the Electronic Submission Hub project; 18 posts will be engaged in coping with the workload arising from the implementation of the Three-Runway System project; and the remaining six posts will be engaged in coping with the additional workload arising from the regulation of private columbarium.

No non-civil service contract position will be deleted arising from the creation of these 125 posts in 2018-19.

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