

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)123****(Question Serial No. 3407)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (CHEUNG Tin-cheung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Buildings Department stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 125 to 1924 posts as at 31 March 2019. Please inform this Council of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these posts.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 72)

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. The salaries of the posts are tabulated below –

Grade	Salary (\$)
Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer	58,425 – 124,280
Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)	20,650 – 55,825
Clerical	12,480 – 50,900
Others	12,475 – 50,900

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 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.

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