

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)132****(Question Serial No. 2248)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Question:

What are the departmental establishment and overall expenses of the Joint Office in the new financial year? What are the percentage changes as compared with the previous three financial years?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 29)

Reply:

The staff establishment and expenditure of the Joint Office set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Buildings Department (BD) in 2018-19 and the previous three financial years are tabulated below –

FEHD

	2015-16 (a)	2016-17 (b)	2017-18 (c)	2018-19 (d)	Change (%)		
					(d)/(a)	(d)/(b)	(d)/(c)
Number of investigation and co-ordinating staff	219	220	224	224	+2%	+2%	0%
Staff cost and departmental expenses (\$ million)	80.7	86.3	99.7 (estimated)	108.1 (estimated)	+34%	+25%	+8%

BD

	2015-16 (a)	2016-17 (b)	2017-18 (c)	2018-19 (d)	Change (%)		
					(d)/(a)	(d)/(b)	(d)/(c)
Number of professional and technical staff	64	64	64	76	+19%	+19%	+19%
Staff cost and departmental expenses (\$ million)	31	32	34 (estimated)	42 (estimated)	+35%	+31%	+24%
Expenditure for engaging outsourced consultants (\$ million)	30	31	34 (estimated)	40 (estimated)	+33%	+29%	+18%

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