

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (82) Buildings Department  
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Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (CHEUNG Tin-cheung)  
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Question:

The Buildings Department estimates that there will be a net creation of 72 posts in 2019-20 to cope with the workload arising from processing new building plans and to step up enforcement action to enhance building safety. Please list the ranks, scope of work and expenditure involved of these posts, as well as the expected performance or targets achievable after the creation.

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The net increase of 72 posts to be created in 2019-20 in the Buildings Department (BD) comprise 20 professional posts (Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer), 38 technical posts (Senior Survey Officer (Building)/Senior Technical Officer (Structural)/Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)), 11 clerical posts and three posts of other grades.

Among the 72 posts, 30 posts will be engaged in coping with the increasing workload arising from the processing of building plan submissions including projects adopting Modular Integrated Construction and transitional housing projects; 18 posts will be engaged in enhancing building safety including strengthening enforcement actions and supporting the administration of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme; seven posts will be engaged in implementing the Electronic Submission Hub project; six 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; five posts will be engaged in enhancing the fire safety of old industrial buildings; two posts will be engaged in enhancing the use of information technology to strengthen public education and publicity efforts; two posts will be engaged in coping with the additional workload arising from the regulation of private columbaria; and the remaining two posts will be engaged in supporting the Government's efforts in promoting wider use of renewable energy. It is expected that the proposed increase in manpower resources would strengthen the BD's work efficiency in general.

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The total notional annual mid-point salary value for the net increase of 72 posts in BD in 2019-20 is \$33,849,420.

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