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Question:

There will be a net increase of 106 posts in 2020-21 for the Department. What are the distribution and main duties of these new posts?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The net increase of 106 posts in the Buildings Department in 2020-21 involves the creation of 109 non-directorate posts, to be offset by the expiry of three time-limited posts. The 109 posts to be created in 2020-21 comprise 43 professional posts (Senior Building Surveyor/Senior Structural Engineer/Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer) and 66 technical posts (Senior Survey Officer (Building)/Senior Technical Officer (Structural)/Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)).

Among the 109 posts, 24 posts will be engaged in implementing Operation Building Bright 2.0; 15 posts will be engaged in enhancing the efficiency of enforcement actions against unauthorised/dangerous/abandoned signboards; 38 posts will be engaged in enhancing departmental enforcement efforts on slope safety, window safety, control on unauthorised building works and construction site safety; eight posts will be engaged in coping with the increased workload arising from processing building plan submissions; four posts will be engaged in supporting the development of a Self-certification System by Authorized Persons under various licensing regimes; one post will be engaged in expediting the processing of applications under the Private Columnaria Ordinance and the remaining 19 posts will be engaged in implementing the Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Ordinance.