

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)110****(Question Serial No. 0019)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

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

Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (YU Tak-cheung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Buildings Department stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 106 posts to 2 102 posts as at 31 March 2021. Please inform this Council of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

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)). The salaries of the posts are tabulated below –

Grade	Salary (\$)
Building Surveyor/Structural Engineer	64,270 - 135,470
Survey Officer (Building)/Technical Officer (Structural)	22,725 - 61,415

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 Columbaria Ordinance and the remaining 19 posts will be engaged in implementing the Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Ordinance.

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