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Question:

Among the 106 posts increased in the Buildings Department this financial year, how will the works of the Buildings Department be improved? Are there any plans for these posts increased? Are there any new policy initiative planned in relation to these increased posts? If yes, of the details; if no, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 76)

Reply:

The net increase of 106 posts in the Buildings Department (BD) 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 Columbaria Ordinance and the remaining 19 posts will be engaged in implementing the Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Ordinance. It is expected that the proposed increase in manpower resources would strengthen BD's work efficiency in general.

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