

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 118 - Planning Department

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Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question :

Please provide :

- (a) the establishment and strength (as at 31 March 2003) for implementing the above programme area by the following categories :
 - I. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 45 & above (including Directorate)
 - II. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 34 to 44
 - III. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 12 to 33
 - IV. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 11 & below
- (b) the number of posts (by ranks) already deleted or redeployed in 2002-03 to enhance productivity and optimize resources; and
- (c) the number of posts (by ranks) to be deleted or redeployed in 2003-04 to accomplish the Government's "3R1M" objective.

Asked by : Hon. CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Selina

Reply :

- (a) A total of 109 staff are involved full time for implementing Programme 1 activities. A detailed breakdown is at Annex. 4 directorate officers and another 96 non-directorate staff from different divisions also contribute to this Programme by providing management inputs, administrative services and technical support in addition to their other duties.
- (b) In 2002-03, 2 directorate posts i.e. 1 Government Town Planner and 1 Chief Town Planner, were deleted and 3 non-directorate posts, i.e. 1 Senior Statistician, 1 Statistician and 1 Statistical Officer, formerly involved in housing-related statistical assessment were temporarily redeployed to the Housing Department.

Another 24 posts related to Programme 1 were redeployed to meet new services requirements such as overseeing the management of the temporary exhibition gallery at Edinburgh Place, undertaking system development of electronic delivery of planning information, monitoring the demand and supply of major land uses and providing planning input to major cultural and tourism projects. Apart from new services, these posts also undertake housing related projects.

These posts comprise the posts of 1 Chief Town Planner, 6 Senior Town Planner, 4 Town Planner/Assistant Town Planner, 1 Senior Technical Officer (Cartographic), 2 Technical Officer (Cartographic), 1 Senior Survey Officer (Planning), 4 Survey Officer (Planning), 1 Personal Secretary I, 2 Personal Secretary II, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Office Assistant.

- (c) In 2003–04, the Department will delete 3 posts related to this Programme area. They comprise the posts of 1 Senior Statistician, 1 Statistician and 1 Statistical Officer, which have been temporarily deployed to the Housing Department. The Department will continue to identify further opportunities for “3Rs and 1M” to enhance its operational efficiency and productivity.

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Post Title	<u> Director of Planning </u>
Date	<u> 20 March 2003 </u>

I. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 45 & above (including Directorate)

Rank	Establishment	Strength
Government Town Planner	1	1
Chief Town Planner	2	2
Chief Town Planner (multi/disciplinary)	1	1
Senior Town Planner	13	13
Senior Engineer	1	1
Total :	18	18

II. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 34 to 44

Rank	Establishment	Strength
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Total :	0	0

III. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 12 to 33

Rank	Establishment	Strength
Town Planner/Assistant Town Planner	24	22/1
Engineer	1	1
Landscape Architect	1	1
Principal Survey Officer (Planning)	1	1
Principal Technical Officer (Cartographic)	1	1
Senior Survey Officer (Planning)	6	6
Senior Technical Officer (Cartographic)	4	5
Clerical Officer	1	1
Personal Secretary I	2	2
Total :	41	41

IV. Ranks with starting pay at MPS 11 & below

Rank	Establishment	Strength
Survey Officer (Planning)	21	20
Technical Officer (Cartographic)	13	13
Tracer	1	1
Personal Secretary II	3	3
Assistant Clerical Officer	4	4
Clerical Assistant	6	5
Office Assistant	2	2
Total :	50	48

Grand Total :	109	107
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