

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question: Please provide the number of non-civil service contract staff employed and the level of expenditure involved in 2002-03. Are there any plans to employ more or less non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04? If so, what are the reasons? And what will be the number of staff and the level of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LI Cheuk-yan

Reply: In 2002-03, the department has employed 6 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff and the total expenditure in respect of these officers in 2002-03 amounted to \$1,612,440. Out of the 6 NCSC staff, the contract of 2 temporary clerks will not be renewed upon expiry by the end of March 2003. On the other hand, the department plans to recruit 1 NCSC Geotechnical Engineer to provide professional support for the mega Central Reclamation Phase III project as there is currently no such post on the establishment of the department. Hence, in 2003-04, the department will have a total of 5 NCSC staff and the estimated cost involved will be about \$2,901,000.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 21 March, 2003