

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Please tabulate the number, posts and expenditure involved of non-civil service contract staff employed by Lands Department in 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively, as well as the number and posts of non-civil service contract staff whose contracts will be renewed in 2004-05 by Lands Department.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information on the employment of Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff in Lands Department is as follows:-

NCSC staff	No. of employment in 2003-04	No. of contracts to be renewed in 2004-05	No. of employment approved for 2004-05 (Inclusive of Renewals)
Project Surveyor and Estate Manager	4	4	4
Project Officer and Estate Assistant	8	5	5
Rent Concession Assistant, Executive Assistant (Land) and Documentation Assistant	15	10	10
Contract Geotechnical Engineer	5	5	5
Slope Maintenance Supervisor and Work Supervisory Assistant	17	16	16
Landscape Assistant	1	0	0
Project Surveyor (Land) and Contract Land Surveyor	1	0	1
Contract Assist Land Surveyor and Contract Assistant Project Surveyor (Land)	4	2	4
Contract Survey Officer	2	1	6
Contract Technical Officer and Draftsman	21	21	22
Contract Assistant Cartographer	0	0	2

NCSC staff	No. of employment in 2003-04	No. of contracts to be renewed in 2004-05	No. of employment approved for 2004-05 (Inclusive of Renewals)
Administrative Assistant, Executive Assistant and Senior Executive Assistant	4	2	3
Contract Chinese Language Officer and Translator	2	0	0
Personal Services Assistant	1	1	1
General Clerk and General Assistant	56	18	47
Contract Solicitor	2	0	0
Total	143 [*]	85	126 [#]
Expenditure involved	\$ 22.88 million	\$19.27 million	\$22.29 million

* Among the 143 employments for 2003-04, 85 contracts will be renewed in 2004-05, 31 are under consideration and 27 will not be renewed on completion of the tasks concerned.

Among the 126 employments approved for 2004-05, 85 are renewed contracts, 31 are existing contracts which will expire in 2004-05 (and their renewal is under consideration) and 10 are new employments. The new employments arise from implementation of some new one-off projects which require different skills and hence new NCSC staff.

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