

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

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

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Head: 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Regarding Programme (1), the provision for 2004-05 will be reduced by 5.2% when compared with the revised estimate for 2003-04, and this is mainly due to the deletion of 235 posts and the reduction of civil service pay in 2004 and 2005. Please list out the ranks of the above 235 posts and the reasons for deleting them.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

Details of the net deletion of 235 posts in 2004-05 under Programme (1) and the reasons for deletion are as follows:

Rank	No. of Post
<i>(a) Deletion of 85 posts under the Second Voluntary Retirement Scheme</i>	
Senior Estate Surveyor	3
Estate Surveyor	3
Chief Land Executive	1
Senior Land Executive	4
Land Executive	17
Land Inspector I	11
Land Inspector II	3
Senior Survey Officer (Estate)	1
Survey Officer (Estate)	3
Senior Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Officer	5
Assistant Clerical Officer	22
Clerical Assistant	5
Personal Secretary II	4
Calligraphist	1
Supplies Assistant	1
(a) Sub-total	85
<i>(b) Lapse of 129 project-specific time-limited posts in the Task Force (Black Spots) Team and the Railway Development Section</i>	
Government Land Agent	1
Senior Estate Surveyor	4

Rank	No. of Post
Estate Surveyor	3
Principal Land Executive	1
Chief Land Executive	2
Senior Land Executive	14
Land Executive	27
Land Inspector I	39
Technical Officer (Carto)	2
Senior Town Planner	1
Town Planner	2
Senior Landscape Architect	1
Landscape Architect	2
Engineer	1
Inspector of Works	1
Senior Field Officer	1
Field Officer I	1
Survey Officer (Planning)	2
Technical Officer (Architectural)	2
Executive Officer I	1
Executive Officer II	1
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	5
Clerical Assistant	5
Office Assistant	1
Personal Secretary I	1
Personal Secretary II	2
Motor Driver	4
(b) Sub-total	129
<i>(c) Deletion of 25 project-specific posts originally budgeted for the New Town Development Areas (NDA) Projects as these posts have not been created and filled due to postponement of the NDA Projects</i>	
Senior Estate Surveyor	2
Estate Surveyor	2
Principal Land Executive	1
Chief Land Executive	2
Senior Land Executive	4
Land Executive	8
Senior Survey Officer (Estate)	1
Survey Officer (Estate)	2
Accounting Officer I	1
Executive Officer II	1
Supplies Assistant	1
(c) Sub-total	25
<i>(d) Creation of 4 posts for setting up the Information Technology Management Unit</i>	
Systems Manager	1
Analyst/Programmer I	3
(d) Sub-total	4

Rank	No. of Post
Net Deletion : (a) + (b) + (c) – (d)	235

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