

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

Head : 118 Planning Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) District Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : In 2005-06, the Planning Department will delete 11 posts under this programme. My questions are:

- (1) How much savings will it bring about?
- (2) What are the titles and ranks of the 11 posts?
- (3) How can it be ensured that the Planning Department has adequate manpower to cope with district planning work?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

- (1) The deletion of 11 posts in 2005-06 under Programme (2) will bring about savings of \$4 million.
- (2) The 11 posts to be deleted are as follows :-

<u>Posts and Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Town Planner	4
Survey Officer (Planning)	3
Technical Officer (Cartographic)	1
Clerical Assistant	3
Total :	11

- (3) The efficiency and effectiveness of the work of the Department will be maintained as the work of the deleted posts will be absorbed by various sections and offices of the department through staff redeployment, work re-prioritising and work process re-engineering.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Planning

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