

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : There will be an increase of three non-directorate posts and three directorate posts in the establishment for 2006-07. Could the Government advise on:

- (a) the reasons for creating these posts;
- (b) the rank and main duties of the new posts;
- (c) the nature of appointment to these posts and whether they are time-limited; and
- (d) the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The posts proposed for creation in 2006-07 are required to cope with the increased workload of the Bureau and the demands arising from its many ongoing and new commitments.
- (b) & (c) The six additional posts include three supernumerary directorate posts for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project in 2006-07 to perform duties arising from the introduction of additional development parameters and conditions for the project under the Invitation for Proposals framework as proposed by the Government in October 2005. Following Government's announcement to discontinue the Invitation for Proposals process on 21 February 2006, we are reviewing the need for these 3 posts and are examining the resources required to support the coming consultation exercise for WKCD in conjunction with HAB.

The three non-directorate posts comprise two Senior Administrative Officers and one Senior Building Surveyor. The new posts will be assigned to policy units for the provision of administrative and other support services to meet increasing work demand.

- (d) The estimated expenditure for the three non-directorate posts is \$1.4 m.

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