

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : In 2006-07, there will be a net creation of 400 posts in Lands Department because of the transfer of the squatter control and clearance duties from Housing Department.

- (a) Please list out in detail the respective ranks, duties, terms of employment and salaries of the newly created posts; and
- (b) Will any staff of Housing Department be transferred to Lands Department because of the transfer exercise?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

- (a) The increase of 400 non-directorate posts represents the net change in establishment in 2006-07, taking into account all the proposed post creations and deletions. The net establishment change is given below:

<u>Grades involved</u>	<u>Net Changes</u>
Departmental grades (including Estate Surveyor, Land Surveyor, Land Executive, Land Inspector, Survey Officer, Technical Officer and Land Conveyancing Officer)	+ 88
Housing Manager grade	+ 151
General and common grades (including Solicitor, Executive Officer, Clerical and Secretarial grades, Motor Driver, Foreman, Artisan, Workman and Tracer)	+ 161
Total :	<hr style="width: 100%; border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> + 400

The exact numbers by grades and ranks involved are being finalized. Other than seven posts provided for supporting development of railway projects, the remaining posts are to be transferred from Housing Department (HD) to carry out squatter control and clearance duties. Lands Department will also make use of the new resources transferred from HD to strengthen the territory-wide land control work.

- (b) 323 staff will be transferred from Housing Department to Lands Department on 1 April 2006 following the transfer of squatter control and clearance functions.

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