

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07

**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: Lands Department (Lands D) will soon establish the Central Action Team (CAT). Would the Government please advise this Council

- (a) which office of Lands D the CAT will work under;
- (b) of a breakdown showing the number of the CAT staff and their duties by ranks;
- (c) how many of its staff will be transferred from Housing Department and whether their ranks and salaries will be changed; if there will be changes, please list out the number of staff involved and the changes concerned; and
- (d) how many of them are the existing staff of Lands D and whether their ranks and salaries will be changed; if there will be changes, please list out the number of staff involved and the changes concerned?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- (a) The proposed Central Action Team (CAT) will be established under the Lands Administration Office of Lands D.
- (b) The CAT will comprise a total of 433 squatter control staff transferred/to be transferred from the Housing Department, and the Lands D staff, whose number and ranking are still under consideration.
- (c) 241 staff of the CAT will be transferred from Housing Department following the transfer of the squatter control duties for the whole territory to the Lands D on 1 April 2006. Their substantive ranking and salary level will not change after the transfer.
- (d) The number and ranking of Lands D staff to be deployed to the CAT are still under consideration. Such deployment will not affect the substantive ranking and salary level of the staff concerned.

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