

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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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : It is anticipated that there will be a creation of 400 non-directorate permanent posts and 2 directorate posts in Lands Department in 2006-07. Please give a breakdown showing respectively the numbers and functions of the new posts by grades.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

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: 0.5px solid black;"/> <u>+ 400</u>

The exact numbers by grades and ranks involved are being finalised. 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.

The two additional directorate posts are supernumerary in nature, originally planned to be created for a time-limited period for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project. Following the Government's announcement on 21 February 2006 to discontinue the "Invitation for Proposals" process and to set up a Consultative Committee to re-examine with a view to re-confirming the need for the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities in the WKCD, the Department will support the coming consultation exercise for the WKCD. The original estimated provision in 2006-07 Estimates for the work of the WKCD will be adjusted accordingly. Details have yet to be worked out at this stage.

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