

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

The estimated expenditure for "Temporary staff" in 2007-08 is \$15,246,000 which is higher than the revised estimate and the original estimate in 2006-07. Is it anticipated that more temporary staff will be recruited? If yes, what are the number and rank of additional staff?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The provision of \$15,246,000 in 2007-08 for temporary staff is to continue the funding of two training schemes, namely, the Graduate Training Scheme (\$14,919,000) and the Vacation Training Scheme (\$327,000).

The Graduate Training Scheme appoints graduates from the surveying and town planning disciplines on month-to-month terms for two years in the Planning and Lands group of departments. Graduate trainees are holders of a recognised degree or equivalent qualifications and are engaged to undergo practical training under supervision towards corporate membership of relevant professional bodies.

The provision made for 2007-08 is for the payment of honoraria to an estimated 106 graduate trainees (including those in their second year of training). This represents an increase of 6 places over the number (100 trainees) for 2006-07.

The Vacation Training Scheme appoints post-secondary students in the surveying and town planning disciplines for an eight week training during the summer vacation in the Planning and Lands group of departments. Around 35 post-secondary students will be appointed in 2007-08.

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