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Question: In 2007-08, the Lands Department is prepared to establish a new management services team (MST). In this regard, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the functions and scope of work of the MST; and
- (b) the number of staff and new recruits to work for the team, with a breakdown by rank.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- (a) The management services team (MST) has the overall objective to ensure that, in respect of land administration, actions being or have been taken are in full compliance with the guidelines, procedures and prescribed timeframe that have been set out in any departmental instructions. At the organisational level, the MST will identify areas within the existing operating systems where changes should be made to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. The MST will initially focus on work relating to land control, lease enforcement, and management of short-term tenancies. Consideration will be given to expanding its scope of work in the light of the operational experience gained.
- (b) The MST, under the supervision of a directorate officer, will comprise four non-directorate posts including one Senior Estate Surveyor, one Senior Survey Officer (Estate), one Chief Land Executive and one Senior Land Executive. These are posts in the promotion ranks and will be filled by existing staff.

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