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Question: The Administration is prepared to establish a new management services team in 2007-08 to ensure compliance with performance standards for enhancement of service quality. What will be the scope of work, the staff establishment, the salary provision and the anticipated effectiveness of the team?

Asked by: Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply:

Details of the new management services team (MST) are as follows:

(i) Scope of work

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.

(ii) Staff establishment

The MST will initially comprise four non-directorate posts.

(iii) Salary provision

The estimated annual salary provision of the four non-directorate posts is \$2.7million.

(iv) Anticipated effectiveness

The 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.

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