

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

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Head : 91 Lands Department

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Question: Regarding the Question Serial No.1611 (Reply Serial No. HPLB(PL)081), what are the criteria that the Department has based on to determine the number of new posts in the Land Inspector grade to be created in 2007-08? For example, is it based on workload or departmental resources?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The creation of 26 Land Inspector grade posts in 2007-08 is part and parcel of the Lands Department (Lands D)'s efforts to strengthen its land control and lease enforcement work. The total number of new posts to be created and the distribution of the posts among various Lands D's grades are determined on the basis of both operational needs and availability of resources. Under the Lands D's staffing plan, 20 of the 26 new Land Inspector grade posts will be deployed to form ten teams to strengthen existing land control and lease enforcement operations in the New Territories. The remaining six posts will be put under a dedicated team to tackle specific targets.

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