

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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Programme : (1) Land Administration

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Question: Regarding the Question Serial No.1611 (Reply Serial No. HPLB(PL)081), it is noted that staff union of the Land Inspector grade objects to the creation of the relevant new posts in 2007-08. Has the Administration ascertained the reasons for it?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The Lands Department (Lands D) has held a series of discussions with the concerned staff union and is fully aware of the latter's different views on the Department's staffing plan. Other staff unions of the Lands D have also offered their views. The Lands D is committed to continuing its dialogue with all the staff unions on how land control and lease enforcement work can be further enhanced and how the Department's resources could be most effectively deployed to achieve this objective.

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