

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 60 - Highways Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): expenses

Programme: -

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the 58 permanent posts to be created by the Highways Department in 2008-09, will the Government advise -

- a. will the two supernumerary posts in 2007-08 be converted to the permanent posts to be created?
- b. what is the additional expenditure required for the 58 posts? and
- c. what are the specific duties of the 58 posts?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- a. The two supernumerary posts are for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project and will expire in 2010. We will review the operational need for these posts before their expiry. We currently have no plan to make them permanent.
- b. The annual staff cost, in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value, is \$20.8 million.
- c. The duties of these 58 posts are as follows –
 - i for implementation of Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and Tuen Mun Western Bypass 6 posts
 - ii for maintenance and administration of new roads taken over in the New Territories 15 posts
 - iii for supporting the co-ordination and control of excavation on public roads 2 posts
 - iv for development and implementation of new railway projects 8 posts
 - v for management and maintenance of the public lighting system 9 posts
 - vi for maintenance of road side slopes 18 posts

58 posts

Signature _____

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