

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****THB(T)028****(Question Serial No. 0112)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Railway DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Highways (Daniel K W CHUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

The estimated expenditure of Programme (3) for 2017-18 is higher than the revised estimate of the current year by \$10 million, representing an increase of 8.1%. It is also stated that this is mainly due to the creation of 1 post.

Would the Government please advise this Committee on the details of the post?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (Member Question No. 11)Reply:

Under Programme (3) of the Controlling Officer's Report of "Head 60 – HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT", the increased provision for 2017-18 is higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17 by \$10 million (8.1%). This is mainly due to filling of vacancies as well as creation of 1 post in 2017-18. Apart from the creation of 1 post, the increase in provision is actually for filling of vacancies, salary increments, salary expenses due to pre-retirement leave of staff and general departmental expenses.

The rank, annual staff cost (in terms of notional annual mid-point salary) and duties of the post of engineer to be created in 2017-18 are summarised below:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Number of Post</b>	<b>Annual Staff Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Duties</b>
Engineer/Assistant Engineer	1	732,630	Mainly to provide technical support for railway-related planning and engineering studies, including technical advice concerning the green transit corridor in Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area which may involve a rail-based system.

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