

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) District and Maintenance Works
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Daniel K W CHUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The estimated expenditure of Programme (2) for 2017-18 is higher than the revised estimate of the current year by \$277.3 million, representing an increase as high as 19.3%. Please advise this Committee on -

- (1) The breakdown and details of the above expenditure;
- (2) Please set out the details of the 25 posts to be created under this Programme.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

Provision for Programme (2) in 2017-18 is higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17 by \$277.3 million. This is mainly due to the increased provision for highways maintenance, filling of vacancies, workshop services as well as creation of 25 posts in 2017-18.

Under Programme (2), 25 posts will be created in the Highways Department in 2017-18. The ranks, annual staff costs (in terms of notional annual mid-point salary) and duties of the 25 new posts are summarised below -

Rank	Number of Posts	Annual Staff Cost (\$)	Duties
Engineer/Assistant Engineer	1	732,630	To provide technical support to the Energising Kowloon East initiative
Works Supervisor I (Civil)	1	336,480	
Senior Engineer	1	1,363,920	To take over and maintain the highway infrastructures and related facilities of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge local projects (i.e. the Hong Kong Link Road and the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities)
Engineer/Assistant Engineer	2	1,465,260	
Electrical and Mechanical Engineer/Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	1	732,630	
Senior Technical Officer (Civil)	1	566,880	
Technical Officer (Civil)/Technical Officer Trainee (Civil)	2	521,820	
Inspector of Works	1	650,760	
Assistant Inspector of Works	2	818,040	
Works Supervisor I (Civil)	2	672,960	
Works Supervisor II (Civil)	2	541,440	
Electrical Inspector	1	650,760	
Assistant Electrical Inspector	1	409,020	
Clerical Officer	1	409,020	
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	255,060	
Clerical Assistant	1	199,080	
Workman II	1	158,280	
Engineer/Assistant Engineer	1	732,630	Taking over and maintenance of Tate's Cairn Tunnel
Senior Clerical Officer	1	541,440	To strengthen clerical support in the Administration Division
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	255,060	
Total:	25	12,013,170	

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