

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

Head: 39 – Drainage Services Department Subhead: 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (2) Sewage Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question: In the Details of Expenditure by Subhead, it is indicated that the salaries expenditure will increase by about \$20 million in 2009-10; on the other hand, seven posts will be deleted under Programme (2). Please advise:

- (a) How much savings on salaries expenditure will be resulted from the deletion of the seven posts under Programme (2)?
- (b) What are the main grade and rank of the seven posts to be deleted? How will the Administration re-distribute the duties originally assigned to these posts?
- (c) What is the reason for the increase in salaries expenditure for the Drainage Services Department?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

- (a) The net decrease of seven posts under Programme (2) in 2009-10 is the net effect of the deletion of nine posts and creation of two new posts. It will result in a net saving of salaries expenditure of about \$70,000 in terms of Notional Annual Mid Point Salary value.
- (b) The posts to be deleted include Artisan (Electrical and Mechanical) and Workman II. Contractors will be employed to provide the required services.
- (c) The increase in salaries expenditure is due to the filling of existing vacancies and new posts by new recruits.

Signature _____

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