

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme : (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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Question :

With regard to the 125 posts to be created under this programme in 2007-08, please advise on:

1. the estimated expenditure involved;
2. whether these 125 posts are permanent posts, their respective ranks and relevant duties.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In 2007-08, there will be a net increase of 125 posts under this programme. This involves the creation of 127 posts and the deletion of 2 posts. The overall annual salary is \$37.2 million. The posts to be created are permanent posts relating to the grades of Chemist, Field Officer, Health Inspector, Pest Control Assistant, Pest Control Officer, Science Laboratory Technician, Scientific Officer (Medical), Veterinary Officer and administrative support posts. The main duties of these posts are to perform food safety regulatory functions and provide pest control services.

Signature _____

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Date _____ **14.3.2007** _____