

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0022)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

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Question (Member Question No. 19):

There will be an increase of 30 posts in the Department in 2014-15. Please set out in tabular form the grade(s) and duties of the posts to be created and the annual expenditure on salaries to be involved, and advise on the area(s) of services to be improved with the creation of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The increase of 30 posts in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in 2014-15 represents the net increase of posts. Information on all the posts proposed to be created in 2014-15 is provided as follows –

Purpose	Grades	#Total annual salary
To improve food safety regulation and control	Field Officer	\$1.8 million
To strengthen environmental hygiene and related services (including enforcement against illegal outside seating accommodation of food premises and water seepage in private buildings; and strengthening of cemetery and crematorium services)	Health Inspector Foreman Executive Officer Clerical Officer	* \$26.8 million
To enhance the Department's IT systems and services	Health Inspector Hawker Control Officer	*\$1.0 million

Gross increase of annual salary for all the posts proposed to be created in 2014-15.

* Posts for enforcement against illegal outside seating accommodation of food premises, and for enhancement of the Department's IT systems and services are to be created on a time-limited basis.