

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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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

Question:

It is indicated under this programme that in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the estimated 11 168 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 will rise by three posts to 11 171 posts as at 31 March 2016. Please advise on the types and job nature of these new posts. At the same time, there are 15 directorate posts in the Department. Please advise this Committee on the types of the 15 directorate posts, as well as their salaries, allowances and job nature; and the types of the 11 168 non-directorate permanent posts, as well as their number, salaries, allowances and job nature.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

There will be a net increase of three posts in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in 2015-16. Information on the job nature and type of all the posts proposed to be created in 2015-16 is given below –

Job nature	Grades
Administrative support for expediting food safety standard-setting work and provision of environmental hygiene related services	Executive Officer Clerical Officer Clerical Assistant
Professional and administrative support for the implementation of municipal solid waste charging; and regulation of private columbaria	Health Inspector Executive Officer Clerical Officer
Technical support for enhancing information technology services to the public	Analyst/Programmer
Enforcement against shop front extensions	Hawker Control Officer Workman I

The 15 directorate posts in the Department are at the ranks of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A; Controller, Centre for Food Safety; Administrative Officer Staff Grade B; Consultant; Assistant Director of Health; Assistant Director of Municipal Services; Senior Principal Executive Officer; Chief Treasury Accountant; Principal Executive Officer; and Principal Medical and Health Officer. The directorate posts are responsible for planning and directing the implementation of policies and the provision of services under the Department's purview, i.e. food safety and public health, environmental hygiene and related services, market management and hawker control, and public education and community involvement. In 2014-15, the total annual salaries and allowances of the 15 directorate posts (revised estimate) is around \$29.6 million.

Of the 11 168 non-directorate posts in the Department, 3 529 posts are departmental grades, viz. Health Inspectorate, Hawker Control Officer, Pest Control Officer and Pest Control Assistant; 199 posts are professional and technical grades in the Centre for Food Safety, such as Field Officer, Medical and Health Officer, Scientific Officer (Medical) and Veterinary Officer; and 7 440 posts are general and common grades providing supporting services. The 11 168 non-directorate posts provide public and supporting services under the Department's purview. In 2014-15, the total annual salaries and allowances of the 11 168 non-directorate posts (revised estimate) is around \$2,908.6 million.

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