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**DEVB(W)026**

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Head : 159 – Government                      Subhead : 000 – Operational Expenses  
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          Bureau (Works Branch)

Programme :                      (2) Heritage Conservation

Controlling Officer :            Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

Director of Bureau :            Secretary for Development

Question :

The revised estimate for 2008-09 is 22% less than the original estimate. What are the reasons?

Asked by :                      Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

The provision for heritage conservation in the 2008-09 revised estimate is lower than that in the 2008-09 original estimate. This is mainly due to the lead time required in filling all the posts, and less departmental expenses and non-recurrent expenditure on the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme.

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Head : 159 – Government  
Secretariat: Development  
Bureau (Works Branch)

Subhead : 000 – Operational Expenses  
700 – General Non-Recurrent

Programme : (2) Heritage Conservation

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development

Question : The estimate for 2009-10 is increased by \$5.5 million or 21% for filling of vacancies and implementation of heritage conservation initiatives. Please give a breakdown of the expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

The total expenditure pertaining to heritage conservation in 2009-10 is estimated to be \$31.7 million. The major breakdown of the estimated expenditure is as follows –

- (1) personal emoluments - \$15.4 million for staff involved in discharging duties related to heritage conservation;
- (2) departmental expenses - \$13.1 million comprising mainly expenditure for salaries of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, consultancy studies, public engagement, educational activities, structural survey and inspection of historic buildings etc.; and
- (3) general non-recurrent expenditure - \$3.2 million for implementation of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme.

There will be an increase in expenditure in 2009-10 by \$5.5 million mainly due to the following –

- (1) the full year effect of salaries for NCSC staff recruited in 2008;
- (2) implementation of additional heritage conservation initiatives, e.g. consultancy studies, public engagement, educational activities, etc.; and
- (3) increased cash flow for the general non-recurrent item on “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme”.

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forward selected projects under Batch I and launch Batch II of the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” which will involve revitalisation of historic buildings through the operation of social enterprises by non-profit-making organisations; continue to oversee the implementation of the “Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme” to provide financial assistance on maintenance of private graded historic buildings to their owners; explore various options to make the best use of historic buildings with commercial potentials such as Haw Par Mansion; and continue to organise promotional activities to enhance public interest in and knowledge of heritage conservation; etc.

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**DEVB(W)029**

Question Serial No.

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Head : 159 – Government  
Secretariat: Development  
Bureau (Works Branch)

Subhead : 000 – Operational Expenses  
700 – General Non-Recurrent

Programme : (3) Intra-Governmental Services

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development

Question :

The estimated provision for the Development Bureau (Works Branch) in 2009-10 will increase by \$26 million (15.3%), which will include the increase of 10 posts, of which five posts will be for co-ordinating and overseeing the implementation of major infrastructure projects and five posts for implementation of post-quake reconstruction support work in Sichuan. Please list out the post titles, responsibilities and salaries of the 10 posts.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

A multi-disciplinary task force comprising five time-limited civil service posts will be set up in the Development Bureau (Works Branch) to facilitate the implementation of the post-quake reconstruction support work in Sichuan. The ranks, duties and expenditure (salary and staff on-cost) of the posts are as follows:

Rank	No. of Post <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Annual Expenditure (\$)	Brief Description of Duties
Senior Architect	1	1,459,068	To provide professional and technical support for Government in the coordination of assistance for the Sichuan authorities in the implementation of the reconstruction projects to be funded by HKSAR
Senior Engineer	1	1,521,288	
Quantity Surveyor	1	1,265,412	
Town Planner	1	1,210,728	
Chief Executive Officer	1	1,413,816	To provide administrative and executive support required for the reconstruction projects
<b>Total :</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6,870,312</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Except for the Town Planner post which will be created for one year in 2009-10, the remaining four posts will be created for three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12.

In addition, five time-limited posts (viz. three directorate posts (one at D3 and two at D2 rank) and two Personal Secretary (PS) I posts for five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14) are included for co-ordinating and overseeing the implementation of major infrastructure projects. Upon further discussion within Development Bureau (DEVB), it is currently proposed to reallocate two directorate (D3 and D2) posts and two PSI posts to facilitate the setting up of the Development Opportunities Office. The DEVB will consult the Panel on Development on the proposal and seek the approval of the Establishment Subcommittee and Finance Committee in due course.

As regards the remaining directorate D2 post, WB will make use of this post to enhance its capability to speed up the implementation of major infrastructure projects. The annual expenditure (notional annual mid-point salary) involved is \$1,518,000.

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