

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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

Programme: (1) Capital Projects, (2) District and Maintenance Works,
(3) Railway Development, (4) Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (YAU Kwok-ting)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Question:

The establishment ceiling 2024-25 under this Programme indicates a reduction of 13 non-directorate posts from 2 476 to 2 463, and a reduction of 2 directorate posts from 42 to 40 in 2025. Please advise this Committee of the proposed posts for deletion and the total saving in expenditures.

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

In 2024-25, there will be a net deletion of 15 posts (including deletion of 36 existing posts and creation of 21 posts) in the Highways Department. Relevant information of the posts involved are tabulated below:

Posts	Expenditure[^] (\$m)
(i) Deletion of 36 existing posts (including 2 directorate posts and 34 non-directorate posts):	-11.8
Chief Engineer (time-limited directorate post)	2
Technical Officer/Technical Officer Trainee (Civil)	1
Senior Typist	3
Typist	5
Assistant Clerical Officer*	3
Calligraphist	1
Chainman	20
Office Assistant	1

Posts	Expenditure[^] (\$m)
(ii) Creation of 21 non-directorate posts:	21.8
Senior Engineer	6
Engineer/Assistant Engineer	6
Senior Geotechnical Engineer	1
Geotechnical Engineer/Assistant Geotechnical Engineer	1
Structural Engineer/Assistant Structural Engineer	1
Electrical And Mechanical Engineer/Assistant Electrical And Mechanical Engineer	1
Landscape Architect/Assistant Landscape Architect	1
Field Officer I	2
Personal Secretary II*	2

[^] Calculated in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value

* 2 existing Assistant Clerical Officer posts are to be regraded to 2 Personal Secretary II posts

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