

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)363****(Question Serial No. 4081)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Thomas CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the squatter control work undertaken by the Lands Department since 2003, please provide the following information on squatter control and clearance:

- 1) The grades and posts of staff currently responsible for squatter control and clearance work;
- 2) The manpower distribution of each of the posts involved; whether supplementary/additional manpower is required; and
- 3) Whether there has been any restructuring of work and regarding of posts, and if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

The grades and posts of staff currently responsible for squatter control and clearance work are set out in the tables below.

Squatter Control

Grades	Posts	Establishment ^(Note) (as at 28.2.2019)
Estate Surveyor	Senior Estate Surveyor	1
Land Executive	Principle Land Executive	1
	Chief Land Executive	1
	Senior Land Executive	2
	Land Executive	4
Land Inspector	Land Inspector I	12

Grades	Posts	Establishment ^(Note) (as at 28.2.2019)
Housing Manager	Manager	6
	Assistant Manager	22
	Squatter Control Officer	93
Building Services Inspector	Assistant Building Services Inspector	1
Works Supervisor	Works Supervisor II	2
Foreman	Foreman	7
Artisan	Artisan	40
Workman I	Workman I	131
Motor Driver	Motor Driver	60
Total		383

Clearance

Grade	Posts	Establishment ^(Note) (as at 28.2.2019)
Housing Manager	Senior Manager	1
	Manager	3
	Assistant Manager	13
	Clearance Officer	57
Total		74

Note: The figures on establishment include posts performing squatter control and clearance work, but exclude posts performing general administrative and clerical support duties.

In 2006, LandsD fully took over from HD the squatter control and clearance functions, which had been undertaken by Housing Manager (HM) grade officers of HD. Since 2018, on a trial basis, squatter control work in the Tuen Mun area has been taken up by the staff of LandsD's grades with a view to achieving synergy in land control work. This trial scheme is planned to be extended to the Hong Kong and Lei Yue Mun area in 2019. In implementing the transfer exercise, LandsD will need to delete the HM grade posts and create LandsD's grade posts.

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