

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Head : 62 - Housing Department

Subhead : 003

Programme : 6201 - Squatter and Temporary Housing Clearance and Squatter Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Housing)

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Question : 1. Under this subhead, the provision for salaries and allowances is \$3,548,167,000 in the Housing Authority. In this regard, will the Administration inform this Council of the number of staff for which the provision is made? Is there any increase/reduction compared with that of the previous year? If there is, please state the posts and the number of staff involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : The provision of \$3,548,167,000 under Subhead 003 Recoverable salaries and allowances (General) is for salaries and allowances for 9 565 civil servants working in the Housing Department. Compared with last year, there will be a projected net reduction of 579 posts in the Department in 2003/04 in the following grades based on known wastage e.g. officers leaving under the Voluntary Departure Scheme and normal retirement: -

Housing Management and Related Grades	-301 posts
Works Related Grades	-87 posts
Supporting Grades	-191 posts

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