

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 62 Housing Department Subhead :

Programme : Squatter Clearance and Squatter Control

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

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Question : During 2004-05, the Housing Department will redeploy staff to duties in public housing estates in support of Team Clean initiatives. Would the Government inform this Council how many staff members the Housing Department will deploy to perform the duties and their emoluments involved? Moreover, will such duties overlap with the work of other government departments that are responsible for district cleanliness and hygiene?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan

Reply : 450 surplus squatter control and clearance staff have been redeployed to other areas of Housing Department's work, mainly in support of Team Clean initiatives, including policing, inspection and repairs of drains and plumbing, minor maintenance, enforcement of "Marking Scheme" (covering offences like littering, spitting, throwing objects from height etc.), enforcement of "Yellowline Scheme" for market stalls in public housing estates, and establishing the Task Force Against Abuses of Public Housing Resources. The salary cost for the staff involved is \$108,800,000 per annum. There will be no overlap in duties with the work of other government departments responsible for district cleanliness and hygiene outside public housing estates.

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