

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (188) Treasury

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

Programme: (1) Central Accounting, Collections and Payments, (3) Accounting and Financial Information Systems

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The provisions for 2024-25 under Programmes (1) and (3) are both 5% lower than the respective revised estimates for 2023-24, mainly due to decrease in requirement for operating expenses. It is stated that there will be a decrease of 25 posts and 22 posts under Programmes (1) and (3) respectively. Please explain the significant decreases in posts and provide the posts to be deleted and the savings in total expenditure achieved under each of the 2 programmes.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

In 2024-25, the Treasury will reduce 25 and 22 posts under Programmes (1) and (3) respectively. These are time-limited posts created for time-limited projects, such as supporting the Government's economic recovery measures, enhancing information systems and relocating offices to the Treasury Building. Upon completion of these projects, the relevant time-limited posts will be deleted in 2024-25 gradually.

Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value, the salary costs of the proposed post deletion under Programmes (1) and (3) will be around \$15.65 million and \$13.14 million respectively.

The 25 posts to be deleted under Programme (1) are as follows:

<b>Post</b>	<b>Number of posts to be deleted</b>
Senior Treasury Accountant	2
Treasury Accountant	4
Senior Accounting Officer	1
Accounting Officer I	5
Accounting Officer II	6
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer II	2
Assistant Supplies Officer	1
Clerical Officer	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Workman II	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25</b>

The 22 posts to be deleted under Programme (3) are as follows:

<b>Post</b>	<b>Number of posts to be deleted</b>
Senior Treasury Accountant	2
Treasury Accountant	1
Senior Accounting Officer	1
Accounting Officer I	2
Accounting Officer II	2
Senior Systems Manager	1
Systems Manager	2
Analyst/Programmer II	2
Assistant Computer Operation Manager	1
Senior Computer Operator	1
Computer Operator I	1
Computer Operator II	1
Executive Officer II	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22</b>

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