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Question:

The provision for 2016-17 is \$122.6 million higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16 partly due to the increase of 25 posts. What are the reasons for creating these posts, the duties of these posts and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (Member Question No. 57)

Reply:

The 25 posts to be created in 2016-17 under Programme (5): "Public Libraries" will manage a new central reserve stack at Yuen Long, enhance support for existing library services and replace some non-civil service contract positions which have long-term service needs. The posts cover 3 different grades, including Clerical Officer, Cultural Services Assistant and Librarian.

The estimated salary provision for these 25 posts in 2016-17 is about \$6.6 million.

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