

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

There has been a growing public concern over conservation of heritage and historic buildings. What was the staff establishment for archaeological work and conservation of heritage and historic buildings in the Government for the past 3 years? Please provide a breakdown by areas of expertise, responsibilities, number of staff and expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

The conservation of archaeological and built heritage is undertaken by officers of the Curator grade of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for conservation work, these officers are supported by designers as well as managerial and administrative staff. Information about the establishment of and expenditure incurred for the Curator grade and other grades in the Antiquities and Monuments Office in the past three years is tabulated below:

	Establishment			Expenditure Incurred
	Curator Grade	Other Grades <sup>Note</sup>	<b>Total</b>	
2014-15	39	31	70 (As at 1 April 2014)	\$34.61M
2015-16	40	31	71 (As at 1 April 2015)	\$39.20M
2016-17	41	31	72 (As at 1 April 2016)	\$38.78M (Estimated)

Note: "Other Grades" refers to non-curatorial staff, including designers as well as managerial and administrative staff.

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