

Finance Committee

Briefing by the Financial Secretary and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury on the 2009-2010 Budget on 26 February 2009

This note provides the information on the jobs and internships to be created by the Government, as requested by the Finance Committee.

2. On 25 February 2009, the Financial Secretary announced a series of measures to preserve jobs, including the provision of about 62 000 jobs and internships in the next three years (i.e. from 2009 to 2011). Details are set out below –

<u>Initiatives</u>	<u>No. of employment/ internships opportunities</u>	<u>When these opportunities arise</u>
To implement “Operation Building Bright” Campaign for maintenance of 1 000 dilapidated buildings	10 000	Within the next two years
To organise mega events	2 800	Within the next three years
To promote and organise community involvement activities under the theme of “Green, Cultural, Dynamic Games” to publicise the 2009 East Asian Games, and organise celebration activities for the 60 th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China	260	Within the next year
To conduct a one-year education campaign to promote the safe and proper use of the Internet	500	Within the next year
To carry out energy efficiency projects for government buildings and public facilities	200	Within the next year
To enhance and integrate the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme and Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme	35 000	Within the next two years

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To enhance the Employment Programme for the Middle-aged	8 000	Within the next two years
To enhance the Work Orientation and Placement Scheme	800	Within the next two years
To implement Internship Programme for University Graduates	4 000	Within the next year
Total	61 560 (say 62 000)	

3. In addition, the Chief Executive also announced earlier that the Government would create over 60 000 jobs. Altogether, the Government will create a total of about 122 000 jobs and internships. The table below shows a breakdown of these jobs and internships by work nature and target workers as follows –

<u>Category</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Construction	46% (about one-tenth being professional and technical personnel)
Building maintenance / electrical and mechanical services / removal of signboards	9%
Temporary jobs created by Government departments (including those funded by the Government but placed in non-government organisations)	3%
Suitable for youth aged between 15 to 24 and with education attainment below degree level	29%
Suitable for young fresh university graduates with no working experience	3%

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Others (including both blue-collar and white-collar jobs, depending on the matching needs of participants in Labour Department's programmes)	7%

4. On top of the above figures, the Estimates for 2009-10 also set out increased provisions under various Subheads for new or enhanced services, such as additional recurrent subvention for Hospital Authority, increased provision of residential care places for the elderly, and various quality education initiatives. They will also bring about employment opportunities.

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