

## **NOTE FOR ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Consolidated Return on the Creation and Deletion of Shadow Posts in the Department of Health for 2009-10**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This paper informs Members of the number of shadow posts created and deleted in the Department of Health (DH) in 2009-10, as required under Establishment Subcommittee Paper EC 1991-92 Item 23.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. When the Hospital Authority (HA) took over the management and control of public hospitals in Hong Kong on 1 December 1991, the Head of the former Hospital Services Department (HSD) was delegated the authority vide EC 1991-92 Item 23 –

- (a) to create and delete shadow civil service ranks, at both directorate and non-directorate levels, with the same pay scales as the corresponding HA ranks; and
- (b) to create and delete shadow civil service posts, at both directorate and non-directorate ranks, in HSD;

in order to accommodate civil servants working in the HA and to preserve their promotion prospects. Shadow posts are created during the year purely for accommodating those civil servants selected for promotion to higher ranks/appointment to other relevant ranks by the HA. They are deleted when the incumbents leave the civil service or are transferred to other Government departments. There were 2 876 shadow posts as at 1 April 2009.

3. The delegated authority referred to in paragraph 2 above was transferred to the Director of Health with effect from 1 April 1999 vide EC(1999-2000)8 following the disestablishment of HSD and transfer of personnel management functions for civil servants working in the HA from HSD to DH on the same date.

**SHADOW POSTS CREATED AND DELETED IN 2009-10**

4. A total of 35 shadow posts were created and 227 shadow posts were deleted in 2009-10, resulting in a balance of 2 684 shadow posts as at 31 March 2010. Details on the movement of shadow posts are set out at the Enclosure.

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Food and Health Bureau  
June 2010

**Shadow Posts Created and Deleted under  
Head 37 - Department of Health  
during the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010**

No. of shadow posts as at 1 April 2009 : **2 876**

No. of shadow posts created/deleted during 2009-10:

Year	Month	No. of shadow posts		
		Created	Deleted	
2009	April	5	17	
	May	0	20	
	June	2	14	
	July	2	17	
	August	3	20	
	September	7	21	
	October	3	23	
	November	4	21	
	December	0	19	
	2010	January	2	21
February		2	14	
March		5	20	
	Total	35	227	<b>(192)</b>

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