

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the staffing provision of the Legal Aid Department, please provide information on:

- (a) the number of staff with/without legal qualification;
- (b) the wastage of staff with legal qualification in 2009, the reasons for their departure, their seniority and the recruitment of new officers.

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

- (a) As at 1 March 2010, the Legal Aid Department has 75 legally qualified staff and 455 non-legally qualified staff.
- (b) The wastage of legally qualified staff, the seniority and the reasons for their departure are set out in the table below:

Rank	Number of officer	Length of service	Reason for leaving the service
Senior Legal Aid Counsel	1	21 years 5 months	Completion of Agreement
Legal Aid Counsel	1	20 years 6 months	Resignation

The Department conducted one recruitment exercise for Legal Aid Counsel in 2009.

Signature _____

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