

## Accountants stick by Treasury

The Audit Department and the Treasury must be enjoyable places to work, judging by their good record in staff retention.

In the past three years not one accountant has resigned from the Treasury, which has 47 accountants in its establishment.

The Audit Department's record is not quite as perfect — an auditor resigned in 1974, but no others have followed him since then. The department's present auditor establishment is 11.

These departments were by far the most stable, according to figures given by a Government spokesman.

Out of the Legal Department's 92 lawyers, five resigned last year, seven in 1975 and six in 1974.

The Legal Aid Department proportionately fared much worse. With a present establishment of 15 lawyers, three resigned last year, two in 1975 and one in 1974.

Last year 66 professionals employed by the Education Department resigned out of an establishment of 387. In 1975 the figure was 42.

The Chinese University fared the worst in the turnover of professional people, losing 35 or 13.5 per cent of its 260 establishment. But a spokesman for the university said this was not unusual.

The University of Hongkong had 41 resignations last year, 9.15 per cent of its 448 professionals. In 1975 the turnover was eight per cent and in 1974, 8.7 per cent.