

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of plastic bags used in refuse collection and the expenditure involved each year from 2005 to 2007.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The number of plastic bags used by the Department (including those used by our contractors) in refuse collection in 2005, 2006 and 2007 was about 5.66 million, 5.31 million and 4.49 million respectively.

The expenditure incurred by the Department in the corresponding years was about \$2.13 million, \$1.84 million and \$1.42 million respectively. There is no record of the expenditure incurred by the contractors in this regard.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_

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Director of  
Food and Environmental Hygiene

Date \_\_\_\_\_

20.3.2008