

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09

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Question:

What is the Department's estimated expenditure on cleansing services for 2008? What is the proportion of the services to be contracted out? What is the total number of staff to be employed by the cleansing contractors in 2008? How is it compared to the number in 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

In 2008-09, FEHD's estimated expenditure on public cleansing services will be \$1,752 million. In terms of manpower deployed, about 64% of street cleansing services is being provided by contractors. It is estimated that 5 390 workers will be employed by contractors in 2008-09 for providing public cleansing services, compared to 5 070 in 2007-08.

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