

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

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Question:

Please advise on the reasons why the recurrent expenditure per tonne of refuse collected in 2009 is higher than that in 2008. Are there any plans to enhance recycling and recovery so as to reduce the relevant expenditure in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

Waste collection service is provided by both in-house and contractor staff. The increase in recurrent expenditure per tonne of refuse collected by \$14, from \$186 in 2008 to \$200 in 2009, is mainly attributable to rising service contract prices.

In support of the Government's Waste Reduction Framework Plan 1998-2007 and the Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste 2005-2014 rolled out by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) began to set up recyclable collection points in public places and its venues in 2000 to collect recyclables, namely, metals, plastics and papers. By the end of February 2010, FEHD set up a total of 1 754 such collection points. To help reduce and recycle wastes, FEHD will continue to set up more recyclable collection points in public places and work closely with EPD.

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