

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

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Question:

The estimated financial provision for 2010-11 is \$ 2,427.4 million, representing an increase of 10% over the revised estimate of \$ 2,207.3 million for 2009-10. This is mainly due to additional capital expenditure on replacement of refuse collection vehicles, etc. Please advise on:

- (a) the number of new refuse collection vehicles to be procured;
- (b) the estimated expenditure for replacement of the vehicles;
- (c) the reasons for replacing the vehicles, the merits of the new vehicles as compared with the old ones, and the benefits for the public when new vehicles are used; and
- (d) the way of disposal of the old vehicles, and the amount of additional expenses, if any, incurred.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) 44 new refuse collection vehicles (RCV) will be procured.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for procurement is \$80 million.
- (c) The 44 RCVs need to be replaced as they have reached the end of their normal life span. The new vehicles will enable the Department to maintain operational efficiency in delivering refuse collection services to the public. In addition, the new vehicles comply with the Euro V emission standard and the latest statutory emission and noise requirements, which helps create a better environment.

- (d) The old RCVs will be disposed of by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) by tender. EMSD will levy a disposal service charge of about \$0.15 million.

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