

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

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Question:

The estimated tonnage of refuse to be collected in 2011 is more or less the same as the actual figure in 2010. However, the recurrent expenditure per tonne of refuse collected will decrease by 2% from \$197 in 2010 (Actual) to \$193 in 2011 (Estimate). Please advise on the area(s) of expenditure to be reduced, and the major expenditure items covered by the recurrent expenditure at present.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The decrease in recurrent expenditure per tonne of refuse collected in 2010-11 is mainly due to an increase in tonnage of refuse collected from 2009-10 to 2010-11 and contracting out of waste collection service.

The recurrent expenditure in waste collection service includes personal emoluments, departmental expenses and administrative support costs.

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