

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department      Subhead (No. & title):

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question:

Please advise on the reasons why the estimated expenditure per tonne of refuse collected in 2012 is higher than that in 2011, and whether there are any plans in 2012-13 to enhance recycling and recovery so as to reduce the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Waste collection service is provided by both in-house and contractor staff. The increase in recurrent expenditure per tonne of refuse collected from \$198 in 2010-11 to an estimate of \$208 in 2011-12 is mainly due to the increase in service contract prices and reduction in volume of refuse collected.
- (b) In 2012-13, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will continue to support the Waste Reduction Framework Plan (1998-2007) and the Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014) of the Environmental Protection Department in reducing and recycling domestic waste generated and in enhancing public awareness of the need to preserve the environment. The Department will continue to closely monitor and review the collection frequencies and the number of recyclable collection points set up in public places.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Food and Environmental Hygiene

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1.3.2012