

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

A member of the hotel industry with many years of experience of dog walking complained to me in a half-joking tone that the paws of his/her dog were much dirtier after walking along the roadside in downtown areas than after walking in areas with less traffic flow, reflecting the seriousness of the problem of pollutants and dust particles on the surface of streets/roads in the urban areas.

What are the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's estimated manpower and resources for street cleansing in the urban areas in the coming financial year?

In response to the above comments, will the Department revise the proportion of expenditure on street cleansing in various districts? What is the percentage of change in the manpower and resources as compared with those in the past three financial years?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department)'s estimated expenditure on street cleansing service for 2012-13 is \$1,532.1 million and the manpower involved (including contractors' staff) is about 9 710. The Department does not have the breakdown on the above estimated expenditure and manpower provision for urban areas.
- (b) The resources for street cleansing service are deployed in accordance with requirements of individual districts and will be adjusted as necessary. Comparing the expenditure/estimated expenditure in the past three financial years on a year-on-year basis, there is an increase of about 1.1% in 2010-11, 7.3% in 2011-12 and 8.8% in 2012-13 respectively. The level of manpower provision on a year-on-year basis is more or less the same during this period.

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