

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

The indicator for "refuse collected" in 2012 is higher than that in 2011, and most of the refuse collection vehicles are diesel vehicles. As the Chief Executive announced in his Policy Address the initiative to phase out diesel vehicles, please advise whether assessment has been made on the implications of this initiative on the disposal and transportation of the increasing volume of refuse collected. Please also advise on the number of diesel refuse collection vehicles currently in service and their percentage in the total number of refuse collection vehicles; whether additional expenditure will be incurred with the replacement of these vehicles; if yes, the details.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has 138 refuse collection vehicles (RCVs) as at 31 December 2012. They are all diesel vehicles. The Department has obtained funding provisions in previous financial years to acquire replacement vehicles so that all RCVs in the Department will meet the Euro V emission standard by mid-2014.

All existing RCVs of the Department's contractors meet either the Euro IV or Euro V emission standard.

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