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Question (Member Question No. 17):

The Territory-wide Cleansing Campaign was launched in 2013-14 to enhance public awareness of the importance of observing good personal hygiene and keeping the environment clean. Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower involved in organising the Campaign;
- (b) whether consideration has been given to organising cleansing campaigns on a regular basis to draw public attention to the importance of environmental and personal hygiene; and
- (c) whether consideration has been given to compiling a community environmental hygiene index for each of the 18 districts to facilitate the public to have a better understanding of the hygiene conditions of each district and keep a close watch on the situation.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

- (a) The Territory-wide Cleansing Campaign (the Campaign) is part and parcel of the ongoing cleansing services and promotional activities of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure on street cleansing services is \$1,653.7 million, and the estimated expenditure on public education and community involvement is \$25.1 million. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower for the Campaign undertaken by the Department.
- (b) The Department will continue to closely monitor the hygiene conditions across the territory. As and when appropriate, the Administration will encourage and promote public participation in concerted efforts to enhance environmental and personal hygiene.
- (c) In 2004, the Administration introduced the Community Cleanliness Index (CCI) to arouse community awareness of environmental hygiene. Over the past few years, the Government departments have put in place a range of measures to promote personal, home and community hygiene. Most of these measures have been thoroughly implemented and incorporated into the regular operations of the departments concerned. After reviewing the CCI project in early 2008, the Administration concluded that the project had achieved its intended objective and that it was no longer necessary to continue with the project. Meanwhile, the Department is maintaining close contact with various District Councils and local personalities to monitor the hygiene conditions of specific locations as well as the general condition across the territory. Additional cleansing services will be provided, where

necessary, to maintain environmental hygiene.