

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health
This question originates from: Estimates on Expenditure Volume I Page 258 (if applicable)

Question (Member Question No. 18):

Please provide information on the following in tabular form:

1. the number and rank of civil servants in the Department with salaries currently calculated on the basis of "net working hours", i.e. no payment for meal breaks; and
2. with the adoption of the above calculation method, the salary savings achieved by the Department in the past year and the estimated salary savings to be achieved this year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

1. As at 1.3.2014, a total of 7 359 civil servants in the Department being on a net conditioned hours system are conditioned to work 45 hours per week. These civil servants belong to 14 grades, namely Artisan, Field Assistant, Foreman, Hawker Control Officer, Laboratory Attendant, Motor Driver, Senior Artisan, Special Driver, Works Supervisor, Ganger, Property Attendant, Supplies Attendant, Workman I and Workman II.
2. In general, conditioned hours of work vary to suit the nature and operational requirements of different grades in the civil service and they have been taken into account in determining the overall remuneration package offered to civil servants. The adoption of the net conditioned hours system does not aim at or result in any cost savings.