

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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This question originates from: Estimates on Expenditure Volume I Page 257 (if applicable)

Question (Member Question No. 124):

Please provide information about outsourced public cleansing services in the table below:

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced street cleansing			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced service			
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced waste collection			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced service			
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced mechanical gully emptying			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced service			
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in other outsourced services (please specify)			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced services			
Total expenditure on / total number of staff involved in outsourced services			
Percentage of change			

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Estimate)</b>
Expenditure on / number of staff involved (Note 1) in outsourced street cleansing	\$726.7 million / 7 129	\$829.8 million / 7 392	\$902.3 million / Not yet available
Percentage change (Note 2) in -			
(a) expenditure	+21.7%	+14.2%	+8.7%
(b) number of staff	+2.4%	+3.7%	Not yet available
Percentage of outsourced service (Note 3)	77%	77%	Not yet available
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced waste collection	\$130.1 million / 280	\$141.4 million / 289	\$148.2 million / Not yet available
Percentage change (Note 2) in -			
(a) expenditure	+13.2%	+8.7%	+4.8%
(b) number of staff	+2.6%	+3.2%	Not yet available
Percentage of outsourced service (Note 4)	74%	73%	Not yet available
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced mechanical gully emptying	\$5.7 million / 21	\$6.0 million / 17	\$6.5 million / Not yet available
Percentage change (Note 2) in -			
(a) expenditure	0%	+5.3%	+8.3%
(b) number of staff	0%	-19.0%	Not yet available/
Percentage of outsourced service (Note 5)	81%	81%	Not yet available
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in other outsourced services (Note 6)	\$43.8 million / 226	\$46.8 million / 219	\$52.1 million / Not yet available
Percentage change (Note 2) in -			
(a) expenditure	+16.5%	+6.8%	+11.3%
(b) number of staff	-0.9%	-3.1%	Not yet available
Percentage of outsourced services	100%	100%	Not yet available
Total expenditure on / total number of staff involved in outsourced services	\$906.3 million / 7 656	\$1,024.0 million / 7 917	\$1,109.1 million / Not yet available
Percentage change (Note 2) in -			
(a) total expenditure	+20.0%	+13.0%	+8.3%
(b) total number of staff	+2.3%	+3.4%	Not yet available

#### Note

1. Number of staff involved for 2012-13 and 2013-14 is stated to give the position as at 31.3.2013 and 31.12.2013 respectively.
2. Percentage change in expenditure and number of staff refers to change from the previous year.
3. Percentage of outsourced street cleansing service represents the percentage of the total number of street sweeping workers employed by the contractors against the total number of street sweeping workers (i.e. contractors' staff and in-house staff) providing the service.
4. Percentage of outsourced waste collection service represents the percentage of the total waste yield handled by the contractors against the total waste yield handled by the Department.
5. Percentage of outsourced mechanical gully emptying service represents the percentage of the total

number of gullies handled by the contractors against the total number of gullies that require mechanical gully emptying service of the Department.

6. Other outsourced cleansing services include mechanical street sweeping service, animal carcasses collection service, cleansing and waste removal services for special sites or areas, desludging and mid-night conservancy service, portable toilet service and recyclables collection service.