

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)254****(Question Serial No. 5850)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

Question (Member Question No. 125):

Please provide in tabular form information on the following in respect of the years from 2010-11 to 2014-15:

1. the number of outsourced security guards in the Department and the services provided;
2. the total expenditure on outsourced security services;
3. the percentage of the Department's security services outsourced; and
4. the percentage of change of each of the above items.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Number of outsourced security guards in the Department (Note 1)	483	499 (+3.3%)	508 (+1.8%)	488 (-3.9%)	Expected to be at a similar level as 2013-14
Services provided	Security guard services include the provision of security guards, electronic checkpoint systems and walkie-talkies for various venues including public markets, municipal services buildings and public cemeteries and crematoria.				
Total expenditure on outsourced security services	\$45.5 million	\$47.4 million (+4.2%)	\$54.6 million (+15.2%)	\$64.6 million (Revised Estimate) (+18.3%)	\$72.6 million (Estimate) (+12.4%)
Percentage of the Department's security services outsourced	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Figures in () denote percentage change as compared with the previous year.

Note 1: The figure reflects the position as of 31 March of the financial year, except for 2013-14 where the figure reflects the position as of 31.12.2013.