

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: Not Specified

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

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

Question (Member Question No. 126):

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

1. the number of contract staff in the Department and the services provided;
2. the expenditure on each type of contractual services and their respective percentage;
3. the total expenditure on contractual services; 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 (as at 31.3.2011)	2011-12 (as at 31.3.2012)	2012-13 (as at 31.3.2013)	2013-14 (as at 31.12.2013)	2014-15 (Note 1)
Number of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff	373	343 (-8%)	297 (-13%)	279	
Type and expenditure of services provided by NCSC staff (Note 2)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling water seepage complaints 	\$26.5 million [33%]	\$18.5 million [27%] (-30%)	\$19.2 million [29%] (+4%)	\$15.3 million [31%]	

	2010-11 (as at 31.3.2011)	2011-12 (as at 31.3.2012)	2012-13 (as at 31.3.2013)	2013-14 (as at 31.12.2013)	2014-15 (Note 1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing food safety support services 	\$7.3 million [9%]	\$15.8 million [23%] (+116%)	\$13.9 million [21%] (-12%)	\$10.7 million [21%]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking market management duties 	\$11.2 million [14%]	\$11.5 million [17%] (+3%)	\$12.2 million [19%] (+6%)	\$9.8 million [20%]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing support services in cemeteries 	\$12 million [15%]	\$11.2 million [17%] (-7%)	\$9.9 million [15%] (-12%)	\$7 million [14%]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing administrative/ executive support services 	\$9.3 million [11%]	\$7.5 million [11%] (-19%)	\$7.6 million [12%] (+1%)	\$5.1 million [10%]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking cleansing and other support services 	\$14.7 million [18%]	\$3.3 million [5%] (-78%)	\$2.8 million [4%] (-15%)	\$2 million [4%]	
Total expenditure on services provided by NCSC staff (Note 2)	\$81 million	\$67.8 million (-16%)	\$65.6 million (-3%)	\$49.9 million	

Figures in [] denote respective percentage out of total expenditure in the year

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Note 1: Figures for 2014-15 are not yet available as the number of NCSC staff varies over time in light of changing service and operational needs.

Note 2: Figures for 2013-14 cover 9 months while those for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 cover the entire 12 months. Only year-on-year changes between the full-year expenditure are provided above.