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Question:

Given media reports that the cleanliness and hygiene conditions of streets have been deteriorating in recent years, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) the expenditure and manpower involved in monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors over the past three years; and
- (2) the assessment criteria adopted by the Department in the selection of contractors in order to ensure proper use of public funds.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

- (1) The manpower involved in monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors over the past three years is tabulated below.

Staff Involved	No. of Staff (Strength)		
	as at 31 March 2014	as at 31 March 2015	as at 29 February 2016
Health Inspector	38	38	38
Senior Foreman	288	286	287

The staff responsible for monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors are also responsible for performing other duties, such as handling complaints, law enforcement, venue management, etc. Breakdown of the expenditure and manpower for monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors is not readily available.

- (2) To ensure proper use of public funds, we award street cleansing service contracts by open tender according to the procurement requirements and procedures of the Government. We evaluate the tenders using a marking scheme. Under the marking scheme, the relative weightings of technical score and price score are 30% and 70% respectively. The assessment is carried out in two phases. The first phase involves an assessment of the technical aspects of the tenders including whether the tenders have met mandatory technical requirements. The assessment criteria for technical score comprise the quality of the proposed implementation plans submitted by the tenderer, the proposed wage level and daily maximum working hours of the cleansing workers employed for executing the contract as well as the contractors' service experience/performance track records for relevant government contracts. By established rules, the price proposed should not be looked at at this stage. The second phase involves assessing the prices of all tenders which have met the mandatory technical requirement. The tender with the highest overall score will be accepted by the Government.

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