

**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

Question:

Please provide in tabular form information on the following in respect of the years from 2011-12 to 2015-16:

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 (Member Question No. 150)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

	<b>2011-12 (as at 31.3.2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31.3.2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31.3.2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31.3.2015)</b>	<b>2015-16 (as at 31.12.2015)</b>
Number of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff (Note 1)	343	297 (-13%)	269 (-9%)	216 (-20%)	241
Type and expenditure of services provided by NCSC staff (Note 1)					

	<b>2011-12 (as at 31.3.2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31.3.2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31.3.2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31.3.2015)</b>	<b>2015-16 (as at 31.12.2015)</b>
• Handling water seepage and other environmental hygiene related complaints	\$18.5 million [27%]	\$19.2 million [29%] (+4%)	\$19.6 million [31%] (+2%)	\$21.9 million [33%] (+12%)	\$12 million [32%]
• Providing food safety support services	\$15.8 million [23%]	\$13.9 million [21%] (-12%)	\$13.5 million [21%] (-3%)	\$14.7 million [22%] (+9%)	\$6.2 million [16%]
• Undertaking market management duties	\$11.5 million [17%]	\$12.2 million [19%] (+6%)	\$13.1 million [20%] (+7%)	\$14.1 million [21%] (+8%)	\$9.8 million [26%]
• Providing support services in cemeteries	\$11.2 million [17%]	\$9.9 million [15%] (-12%)	\$9.1 million [14%] (-8%)	\$8.5 million [13%] (-7%)	\$5.3 million [14%]
• Providing administrative / executive support services	\$7.5 million [11%]	\$7.6 million [12%] (+1%)	\$5.8 million [9%] (-24%)	\$4.4 million [7%] (-24%)	\$3.1 million [8%]
• Undertaking cleansing and other support services	\$3.3 million [5%]	\$2.8 million [4%] (-15%)	\$2.9 million [5%] (+4%)	\$2.5 million [4%] (-14%)	\$1.5 million [4%]
Total expenditure on services provided by NCSC staff (Note 1)	\$67.8 million	\$65.6 million (-3%)	\$64 million (-2%)	\$66.1 million (+3%)	\$37.9 million

*Figures in [ ] denote the respective percentage out of total expenditure on services provided by NCSC staff in the year*

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

Note 1: Figures for 2015-16 cover 9 months while those for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 cover the entire 12 months. Only year-on-year changes between the full-year expenditure are provided above.

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