

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the outsourced public cleansing services, please provide information as per the table below:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
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 (Member Question No. 151)

Reply:

The information sought is given below –

	2013-14 (as at 31.3.2014) (Actual)	2014-15 (as at 31.3.2015) (Actual)	2015-16 (as at 29.2.2016) (Revised Estimate)
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced street cleansing (<i>Note 1</i>)	\$833.8 million / 7 310	\$881.7 million / 7 197	\$926.1 million / 7 031
Percentage change (<i>Note 2</i>) in –			
(a) expenditure	+13.6 %	+5.7 %	+5.0 %
(b) number of staff	+2.5%	-1.5%	-2.3%
Percentage of outsourced service (<i>Note 3</i>)	77%	77%	77%
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced waste collection	\$141.2 million / 289	\$147.0 million / 291	\$172.5 million / 292
Percentage change (<i>Note 2</i>) in –			
(a) expenditure	+7.7 %	+4.1 %	+17.3 %
(b) number of staff	+3.2%	+0.7%	+0.3%
Percentage of outsourced service (<i>Note 4</i>)	73%	73%	73%
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced mechanical gully emptying	\$6.3 million / 17	\$6.5 million / 17	\$6.5 million / 17
Percentage change (<i>Note 2</i>) in –			
(a) expenditure	+10.5 %	+3.2 %	±0%
(b) number of staff	-19.0%	±0%	±0%
Percentage of outsourced service (<i>Note 5</i>)	81%	81%	82%
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in other outsourced services (<i>Note 6</i>)	\$47.6 million / 219	\$55.2 million / 233	\$58.5 million / 233
Percentage change (<i>Note 2</i>) in –			
(a) expenditure	+7.9 %	+16.0 %	+6.0 %
(b) number of staff	-3.1%	6.4%	±0%
Percentage of outsourced services	100%	100%	100%

	2013-14 (as at 31.3.2014) (Actual)	2014-15 (as at 31.3.2015) (Actual)	2015-16 (as at 29.2.2016) (Revised Estimate)
Total expenditure on / total number of staff involved in outsourced services	\$1,028.9 million / 7 835	\$1,090.4 million / 7 738	\$1,163.6 million / 7 573
Percentage change (<i>Note 2</i>) in –			
(a) total expenditure	+12.4 %	+6.0 %	+6.7 %
(b) total number of staff	+2.3%	-1.2%	-2.1%

Note

1. “Number of staff” refers to the number of contractors’ staff involved in providing the outsourced street cleansing services.
2. “Percentage change in expenditure and number of staff” represents the year-on-year percentage change.
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 Food and Environment Hygiene Department (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 the 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, recyclables collection service and lavatory hygiene service.

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