

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the collection of household waste and management of refuse collection points (RCPs) under this programme, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) given that the Environment Bureau is currently conducting the legislative exercise on the household solid waste charging scheme, whether any measures concerning the procedures for collection of household waste, RCPs and village-type RCPs were taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2015-16 to tie in with the exercise; if yes, the details; and
- (2) in connection with the legislative exercise on the household solid waste charging scheme, whether there is/will be any study or work plan in 2015-16 and 2016-17 involving the opening up of RCPs for handling recyclables; if yes, details of the work and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 133)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is a member of the inter-departmental working group convened by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to steer and co-ordinate the preparatory work for the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme (the Scheme). In 2015-16, EPD installed bin-counting devices on three refuse collection vehicles of the Department as part of the pilot trial on the interim charging option of the Scheme.
- (2) With a view to facilitating waste reduction and resource recovery as well as the effective implementation of the Scheme, the Environment Bureau established the Steering Group on the Modification of Recycling and Refuse Collection Facilities in Public Places in February 2016 to review the provision of recycling and refuse

collection facilities in public places and to recommend necessary modifications. As a member of the Steering Group, the Department will provide necessary support and advice to it. Any manpower resources required by the Department in 2016-17 in this respect will be absorbed from within its existing resources.

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