

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Question:

Last year, the Government amended its guidelines on the tendering of service contracts. As such, when a service contract relies heavily on deployment of non-skilled workers and is assessed with a marking scheme, the procuring department is required to include in its assessment criteria the evaluation of the tenderers' proposed wage rates and working hours for non-skilled workers during tender evaluation. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. after the implementation of the guidelines, whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has, in accordance with the new guidelines, adjusted its assessment criteria regarding wage rates and working hours for outsourced service contracts relying heavily on deployment of non-skilled workers; if yes, the adjustments thus made; if no relevant information is available, the reason(s);
2. the number of outsourced service contracts relying heavily on deployment of non-skilled workers which have been awarded by the Department since the implementation of the guidelines, and the respective numbers of the outsourced cleansing service contracts and outsourced security guard service contracts; and
3. after the implementation of the guidelines, whether there has been a rise in the average wage rate in respect of outsourced service contracts relying heavily on deployment of non-skilled workers; if yes, the number of contracts involving a wage rise; if no relevant information is available, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. As regards the revised guidelines promulgated by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in 2016 requiring procuring departments to include in its assessment criteria the evaluation of the tenderers' proposed wage rates and working hours for

non-skilled workers during tender evaluation, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has in fact already included these criteria in the marking scheme for evaluating tenders involving non-skilled workers before the announcement of the revised guidelines.

2. Since the promulgation of the revised guidelines up to end of January 2017, the Department has awarded 11 service contracts engaged heavily with non-skilled workers involving 8 street cleansing service contracts and 3 security guard service contracts respectively.
3. The average wages of non-skilled workers before and after the promulgation of the revised guidelines have no significant difference.

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