

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Please advise on the reason(s) for the significant decrease in the amount of sludge collected by gully emptiers since 2016.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The estimated volume of sludge collected by gully emptiers in 2016 is, by weight, 27% less than that collected in 2015. This is mainly attributable to the fact that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has, upon the advice of Environmental Protection Department (EPD), stepped up actions to drain away the water content of collected sludge thoroughly before delivering it to EPD's disposal site.

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