

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:

With regard to the outsourced service contractors of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please provide the following information:

| | 2016-17 | Percentage of increase over the previous year |
|---|---------|---|
| Number of outsourced service contracts | | |
| Number of workers engaged by outsourced service providers | | |
| Types of services provided by outsourced service providers (including but not limited to services for construction and engineering works, property and facility management, mechanical plant and equipment maintenance, information management and information system, environmental hygiene, security, etc.) | | |
| Average monthly salary of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$15,001 - \$30,000 • \$10,001 - \$15,000 • \$8,001 - \$10,000 • \$6,760 - \$8,000 • below \$6,760 | | |

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| Average length of service of outsourced workers | | |
| Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department | | |
| Number of outsourced workers working: 5 days a week 6 days a week | | |
| Weekly working hours of outsourced workers Weekly maximum working hours Average weekly working hours | | |
| Number of workers with / amount of severance payments or long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF | | |

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 318)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

| | 2016-17 (as at 31.12.2016) | Percentage of change over the previous year ^{Note 1} |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Number of outsourced service contracts | 153 | +4.08% |
| Number of workers engaged by outsourced service providers | 11 694 | -1.59% |
| Types of services provided by outsourced service providers (including but not limited to services for construction and engineering works, property and facility management, mechanical plant and equipment maintenance, information management and information system, environmental hygiene, security, etc.) | Please see Note 2 | |
| Average monthly salary of outsourced workers | | |
| • \$30,001 or above | - | - |
| • \$15,001 - \$30,000 | 37 | +131.25% |
| • \$10,001 - \$15,000 | 803 | +46.53% |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8,001 - \$10,000 • \$6,760 - \$8,000 • below \$6,760 | <p>10 854</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> | <p>-4.11%</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> |
| Average length of service of outsourced workers | Note 3 | Note 3 |
| Ratio of number of contractor staff to number of staff of the Department | 102.5% | -1.4% |
| Number of outsourced workers working: 5 days a week 6 days a week | Note 4 | Note 4 |
| Weekly working hours of outsourced workers Weekly maximum working hours Average weekly working hours | Note 4 | Note 4 |
| Number of workers with / amount of severance payments or long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF | Note 4 | Note 4 |

Note 1: The percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2015-16.

Note 2: Types of services provided by outsourced service providers include public cleansing, cleansing services for cemeteries and crematoria/hawker bazaars/public toilets, recyclable collection, pest control, public market management, security guard, vehicle maintenance, etc.

Note 3: The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep information on the length of service of outsourced workers. As long as the contract requirements are complied with, the contractor may arrange any qualified staff to provide the services.

Note 4: The Department does not keep information on the information being sought.

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