Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2018-19

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<u>Head</u>: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (-) Not specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Ouestion:

It is mentioned in paragraph 182 of the Budget Speech that the Administration was exploring options to improve the government outsourcing system with a view to enhancing the protection of the reasonable employment terms and conditions as well as labour benefits of non-skilled employees. In this connection, please provide details of the non-public works outsourced service contracts involving employment of low-skilled workers, including the following information on each contract awarded in each of the past 6 years:

- (a) the name of the successful tenderer;
- (b) the nature of the outsourced service (e.g. provision of street cleansing services in Sheung Shui in North District);
- (c) the duration of the outsourced contract (e.g. 24 months from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2019);
- (d) the contract value;
- (e) the number of conforming tenders received during the tendering stage;
- (f) the ranking of the successful tenderer in terms of the score it gained for tender price;
- (g) the "man-hours" required in the provision of services by frontline low-skilled workers during the whole contract period (with a breakdown by job type if more than one job type is involved);
- (h) the committed average hourly wage paid by the successful tenderer to frontline low-skilled workers (with a breakdown by job type if more than one job type is involved); and

(i) the ranking of the successful tenderer in terms of the score it gained for the wage payable to frontline low-skilled workers.

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 2621) <u>Reply</u>:

(a)-(d) The information of the name of the successful tenderer, nature, duration and contract value of the non-public works outsourced contracts awarded by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) involving employment of non-skilled workers is uploaded onto the "e-Tender Box" website of the Government Logistics Department:

https://www.gldpcms.gov.hk/etb_prod/jsp_public/sm/ssm00407r.jsp

- (e)-(g) & (i) The information sought is not readily available.
- (h) The hourly wages of non-skilled workers committed by relevant contractors of the Department in the past 5 years are provided as follows –

Type of non-skilled workers	Hourly wages committed (\$)				
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Cleansing workmen	30.0-33.0	30.0-38.3	32.5-35.9	32.5-41.7	34.8-61.3
Toilet attendants	30.0-31.2	30.1-33.0	32.5-34.0	33.0-34.5	34.8-36.0
Security guards	31.0-32.5	32.5-35.0	33.0-35.0	32.5-36.0	34.5-37.0
Operatives	33.9-50.0	33.7-36.3	35.5-51.6	35.7-44.4	37.5-54.4