

**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:

- (1) How many public toilets under the management of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the territory are provided with air improvement equipment? What are the major items of equipment?
- (2) Is air purification system included in the refurbishment and design improvement programme to improve the air quality of public toilets?
- (3) When will be the next review of the male-to-female toilet compartment ratio which is currently 1:16?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) & (2) Public toilets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) are generally provided with mechanical ventilation supported by air exhaust systems and oscillating fans to improve ventilation. Air fresheners are also provided for odour control. We plan to launch pilot schemes on provision of air conditioning and other equipment such as application of ozone technology and Nano Confined Catalytic Oxidation technology in public toilets to improve air quality. If proven effective, we will apply these technologies to wider use in the public toilet refurbishment programme gradually.
- (3) At present, the ratio of number of male-to-female toilet compartments is generally 1:2 for new and refurbished public toilets. The Department will keep the ratio under review and consider further changes to meet service demands.

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