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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government plans to improve the employment terms and conditions of non-skilled workers employed by its outsourced service contractors. Regarding current outsourced public toilet cleansing services, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) What is the ratio of full-time workers to part-time workers?
- (2) How many non-skilled workers are not entitled to payment for meal breaks in calculating wages? What is the proportion of such workers in all of the non-skilled workers?
- (3) How many contracts require the provision of rest rooms for employees and how many contractors do provide such facilities? If they are not provided, will the Department consider including a clause on the provision of rest rooms in its service contracts?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep information on outsourced workers concerning their employment details such as entitlement to paid meal breaks and full-time to part-time ratio.

At present, attendant services are provided by contractors at 264 public toilets, of which 231 are provided with attendant rooms. If circumstances permit, the Department will make available or improve the provisions for attendant rooms for public toilet attendants when these toilets are refurbished.

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