

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified
Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2) of this Head, the Government indicates that it will roll out the Enhanced Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme to improve the design and facilities of existing public toilets by phases. According to Miss Vivian LAU, the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, the Department will set up “deep cleansing public toilet teams” in various districts to step up inspection and maintain the hygiene of public toilets. Please advise on:

1. the number of staff comprised in “deep cleansing public toilet teams” in various districts; and
2. the details of the Government’s employment of manpower and the estimated amount of resources required after setting up these teams.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

To improve the cleansing condition of public toilets and to relieve the workload of toilet attendants, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has allocated additional resources to procure the services of dedicated deep cleansing teams starting from March 2019 for toilets with a high utilisation rate or located at tourist spots. In general, each deep cleansing team comprises 1 supervisor-cum-driver and 4 cleansing workmen. The Department plans to extend such services to all public toilets when respective street cleansing services contracts are renewed at an estimated expenditure of about \$60 million.

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