

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:

With regard to the cleansing workers and toilet attendants employed by outsourced service contractors of the Department in the past five years, please provide:

- (1) a breakdown of the number of workers by workplace (such as public toilets, streets);
- (2) the number of cleansing workers working in the 18 districts in Hong Kong;
- (3) the median wage and average wage rate; and
- (4) the number and percentage of workers entitled to payment for meal breaks and those of workers not entitled to payment for meal breaks under the contracts.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

(1) and (2)

The information sought is provided in Annex 1.

(3) The information sought is provided in Annex 2.

(4) We do not keep information on the number of outsourced workers with or without paid meal breaks.

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Number of outsourced cleansing workmen and toilet attendants

Districts	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (as at 31.12.18)
Number of Cleansing Workmen (mainly performing street cleansing duties)					
Central and Western	492	534	533	665	667
Eastern	486	197	195	321	321
Islands	224	217	219	239	234
Kowloon City	377	385	385	434	437
Kwai Tsing	344	344	363	363	336
Kwun Tong	377	382	387	441	441
Mong Kok	505	509	452	444	436
North	459	489	496	520	524
Sai Kung	387	386	395	409	402
Sha Tin	399	368	368	418	421
Sham Shui Po	480	478	477	490	498
Southern	213	208	208	246	246
Tai Po	327	321	346	346	333
Tsuen Wan	403	406	406	432	432
Tuen Mun	363	307	307	308	310
Wan Chai	415	332	341	509	508
Wong Tai Sin	257	248	246	270	286
Yau Tsim	368	366	274	274	290
Yuen Long	478	478	519	519	587
Cross-District	338	1 064	1 056	911	1 158
Total	7 692	8 019	7 973	8 559	8 867
Number of Toilet Attendants					
Central and Western	128	81	81	99	99
Eastern	56	26	26	26	26
Islands	47	49	49	65	65
Kowloon City	64	64	64	64	64
Kwai Tsing	37	37	38	38	42
Kwun Tong	40	42	42	40	40
Mong Kok	36	36	36	36	44
North	58	46	46	54	54
Sai Kung	31	27	27	25	32
Sha Tin	49	40	40	50	50
Sham Shui Po	40	40	40	42	42
Southern	40	32	32	40	40
Tai Po	29	29	29	29	34
Tsuen Wan	32	36	36	34	34
Tuen Mun	16	16	16	18	18
Wan Chai	60	30	30	68	68
Wong Tai Sin	24	22	22	24	24
Yau Tsim	44	44	40	40	46
Yuen Long	46	46	48	48	56
Cross-District	83	113	113	89	89
Total	960	856	855	929	967

Note: No breakdown on the number of workers by workplace is available.

Monthly wages of outsourced cleansing workmen and toilet attendants

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (as at 31.12.18)
Cleansing Workmen					
Median Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	7,600	8,184	8,308	8,804	8,928
Average Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	7,666	8,172	8,312	8,815	9,089
Toilet Attendants					
Median Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	8,510	9,207	9,347	9,905	10,044
Average Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	8,615	9,210	9,313	9,902	10,129