

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 proposal in the Budget that more resources will be allocated to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for refurbishing its public toilets by phases, please advise on:

- a. the districts where the 240 public toilets to be covered by the plan are located; and
- b. whether the Department will, apart from improving ventilation and the overall cleanliness and hygiene of the public toilets from the users' perspective, also review the adequacy of those facilities for its staff and the workers hired by its cleansing service contractors (e.g. common rooms, changing rooms, lockers and drinking water supply) from the employees' perspective; if yes, the details; if no, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- a. The 240 public toilets to be refurbished or facelifted in the coming 5 years are located across the territory. Priority will be accorded with regard to their conditions and level of utilisation.
- b. If circumstances permit, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will make available or improve the provisions for attendant rooms for public toilet attendants when the public toilets are refurbished. Facilities for the attendants to take rest, drink water and change clothes will be provided therein as far as practicable.

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