

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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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:

The Financial Secretary indicated that more resources would be allocated to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for refurbishing its public toilets by phases, with a view to improving ventilation and other facilities, as well as enhancing their cleanliness and hygiene. It is estimated that a total expenditure of over \$600 million may be incurred, involving about 240 public toilets in the coming 5 years. Please advise on -

1. in tabular form the distribution of the 240 public toilets to be refurbished in each district over the territory and the expenditure to be required for each district; and
2. the list of public toilets to be refurbished in 2019 and the expenditure to be involved in each of the refurbishment works.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The list of public toilets for refurbishment or facelifting is being worked out with regard to their conditions and level of utilisation. We are planning to commence the refurbishment or facelifting works for about 40 public toilets in 2019-20. Further details such as the location and geographical distribution, as well as the estimated cost of the works of these toilets will be available at a later stage. The improvement programme will gather momentum when all the dedicated staff are in post.

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