

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of public toilets under the management of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to be refurbished in each of the coming 5 years, the approximate time required for refurbishing each toilet, the major items of facilities to be refurbished, and the possibility of shortening the refurbishment period of 240 public toilets to 3 years.

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

About 240 public toilets will be refurbished or facelifted in the coming 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24. New design and layouts will generally be adopted for the refurbishment of public toilets, with beautified facades and modern facilities, with a view to making them hygienic, clean and safe. The improvement works may cover exterior design, installations and equipment, materials, ventilation, odour control, lighting, infra-red sensor-activated taps and flushing facilities, etc. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will adjust the scope of the refurbishment of individual toilets having regard to the actual circumstances. We are planning to commence refurbishment or facelifiting works for about 40 public toilets in 2019-20. The improvement programme will gather momentum when all the dedicated staff are in post. We will keep progress of the programme under review.

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