

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please set out the number of refuse collection points (RCPs) managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department as at 31 March 2019; the locations of RCPs which are provided with (i) changing facilities, (ii) common rooms, (iii) drinking facilities, (iv) mobile refuse compactors and (v) automatic refuse bin washing machines; and the area of common rooms (if any).

Does the Department have plans to provide other RCPs with changing facilities, common rooms, drinking facilities, mobile refuse compactors and automatic refuse bin washing machines?

Will any space in the newly built RCPs be reserved for providing changing facilities, common rooms, drinking facilities, mobile refuse compactors and automatic refuse bin washing machines? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7715)

Reply:

Currently, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) manages 159 permanent off-street refuse collection points (RCPs) and 54 are provided with mobile refuse compactors. Each RCP is staffed by an attendant in each work shift and is provided with drinking water facilities. Generally speaking, permanent off-street RCPs with roll call points are provided with changing rooms. Nonetheless, there are exceptions owing to space constraints. Such being the case, the Department allows its contractors to provide temporary changing and storage facilities in RCPs for the convenience of their employees where circumstances permit.

For newly built RCPs, changing and storage facilities are provided for both in-house staff and contractors' staff if circumstances permit. The Department has also kick-started a pilot scheme to carry out improvement works in existing roll call points, including RCPs,

for provision of changing and storage facilities. It will also provide changing and storage facilities if circumstances permit when the RCPs are refurbished. The Department will consider the provision of mobile refuse compactors in individual RCPs, including those under planning, on the basis of operational needs and where the site situation permits. The Department has no plan to install automatic litter container washing systems in RCPs. There is no separate breakdown on expenditure on the provision of the above facilities.

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