

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:

Please set out the number of public toilets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department as at 31 March 2019; the locations of public toilets which are provided with (i) attendant rooms, (ii) drinking facilities and (iii) roll call rooms nearby; the area of attendant rooms (if any); and whether ventilation facilities are provided.

Will enhancement be made to the facilities of public toilets, including providing resting and drinking facilities for staff? Will any space in the newly built public toilets be reserved for providing resting and drinking facilities for staff? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7800)

Reply:

Amongst the 799 public toilets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), 264 are provided with toilet attendants. Of these toilets, 231 are provided with attendant rooms and their sizes vary according to actual circumstances. General speaking, toilet attendants may sign in and out at the public toilets.

About 240 public toilets will be refurbished or facelifted in the coming 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 at an estimated capital expenditure of \$600 million. Due consideration will be given to the provision or enhancement of attendant rooms as far as possible when new toilets are built or existing ones refurbished. A rest area as well as changing facilities will be provided as far as practicable.

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