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Question:

Please provide the detailed estimates for “enhancing the protection of non-skilled workers employed by services contractors”. Are there any plans to further enhance the protection of these workers?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7920)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will adopt the new enhancement measures for service tenders to be issued on or after 1 April 2019 to protect outsourced non-skilled workers employed by the Department's service contractors. The additional expenditure incurred will be reflected in the tender price.

To benefit non-skilled workers engaged in the service contracts during the transitional period between the announcement of the new policy in October 2018 and the effective date of 1 April 2019, the Department has negotiated with the service contractors concerned to incorporate relevant new enhancement measures into the service contracts by making top-up payments on a reimbursement basis for the additional costs incurred.

The total additional expenditure incurred throughout the whole contract period in implementing the enhancement measures is estimated to be about \$68 million.

The Department will follow the guidelines of the Government for any further improvement in this respect.

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