

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)368****(Question Serial No. 7133)**

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:

In the past 5 years, what were the total number of cleansing workers employed by the Department's public cleansing service contractors (with a breakdown by company), the total expenditure incurred by the Department for outsourcing public cleansing services, the amount of fines imposed on such contractors for breaching contract conditions (with a breakdown by company), and the number of warnings issued to such contractors for breaching contract conditions (with a breakdown by company)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7105)

Reply:

The expenditure incurred by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) for outsourced public cleansing services in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (revised estimate) is \$1,085.4 million, \$1,163.8 million, \$1,223.7 million, \$1,386.0 million and \$1,617.2 million respectively.

The total number of cleansing workmen employed by the Department's public cleansing service contractors, the number of contract enforcement against breaching contract provisions and the amount of service charge payments deducted in the past 5 years are provided as follows –

Calendar year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of cleansing workers employed by the Department's public cleansing service contractors	6 838	6 777	6 591	6 939	7 368
No. of verbal warnings issued	2 181	2 165	2 792	2 160	2 742

Calendar year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
No. of written warnings issued	260	156	109	122	537
No. of default notices issued	1 321	1 403	937	1 089	1 622
Amount of service charge payments deducted (\$ million)	2.661	3.022	1.727	2.086	3.923

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