

**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:

Regarding the equipment of the Cleansing Sections under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, is there any increase in the estimated recurrent expenditure for additional grab lorry services in comparison with the previous financial year? If yes, what is the amount of provision and the number of additional grab lorries?

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.:1099)

Reply:

The estimated recurrent expenditure incurred by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) for hiring grab lorries services is about \$6.9 million in 2019-20, which is about 19% higher than that of \$5.8 million in 2018-19. The average number of grab lorries to be hired daily increases from 16 in 2018-19 to 19 in 2019-20.

Grab lorries are also provided by the Department's street cleansing and waste collection services contractors. They provided 56 grab lorries in 2018-19 and will provide 18 more in 2019-20. The Department does not keep a breakdown of the estimated expenditure for grab lorry services provided by these contractors.

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