

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 manpower allocation as well as costs and expenditure of the Cleansing Sections under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please inform this Committee on:

- 1) the total number of special services provided by the Department for the recovery work after typhoon Mangkhut, the locations and the expenditure for providing special services; and
- 2) the estimated special recovery work to cope with the aftermath of possible typhoon signal no. 8 or no. 10 in the coming year and the expenditure to be incurred.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 2014)

Reply:

- 1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) deployed resources for removal of fallen trees and typhoon debris caused by the typhoon Mangkhut. Generally speaking, FEHD removed the branches and twigs cut by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on public roads in the urban area. Apart from the urban area under its purview, FEHD also strived to deploy manpower to assist other departments when needed in removing the branches and twigs cut in the New Territories. FEHD cleared a total of about 10 000 tonnes of typhoon debris to landfills or transfer stations and delivered about 300 lorry-loads of tree waste to the temporary wood waste collection area in the Kai Tak Development Area, before the situation resumed normal. FEHD does not keep separate breakdown of expenditure on the post-typhoon clearance.
- 2) The Security Bureau is coordinating a review on the handling of aftermath of super typhoons, which covers contingency response plans, post-typhoon recovery and restoration as well as external and internal information dissemination. FEHD and other relevant departments have participated in the review. It is an integral part of

FEHD's work to cope with possible typhoon signal no. 8 or 10 and the estimated expenditure to be incurred by FEHD in the coming year is not available.

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