

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. With regard to refuse collection and street cleansing services in each District Council district, please advise on the number of outsourced workers, the number of non-outsourced workers, the monthly total working hours of the cleansing workers, and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.
2. Please advise on the estimated percentage of management costs in the contract expenditure for the outsourced cleansing service contracts of the Department in the past 3 years.
3. Has the Department considered, or will it consider, allocating additional manpower resources for refuse collection and street cleansing in districts with old buildings (some old buildings have not employed workers to deliver the refuse to the refuse collection point)? If yes, please provide the details; if no, please give the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 2032)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The expenditure of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in providing public cleansing services (including the expenditure on street cleansing and refuse collection services) in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 is \$2,498.1 million, \$2,650.5 million and \$3,036.5 million respectively. In general, the work shift of cleansing workmen is not more than 10 hours a day. There is no breakdown on the monthly total working hours of the cleansing workmen. The number of in-house and contractor cleansing workmen in 2016, 2017 and 2018 is provided in the following table –

District	2016		2017		2018	
	In-house cleansing workmen	Contractor cleansing workmen	In-house cleansing workmen	Contractor cleansing workmen	In-house cleansing workmen	Contractor cleansing workmen*
Central and Western	85	517	77	564	82	635
Wan Chai	122	284	112	285	81	506
Eastern	87	386	82	352	85	352
Southern	82	165	88	209	86	209
Islands	154	238	154	276	151	271
Yau Tsim Mong	177	712	172	710	168	699
Sham Shui Po	96	446	89	459	94	459
Kowloon City	81	386	81	433	76	433
Wong Tai Sin	48	173	48	173	46	195
Kwun Tong	54	320	56	374	55	374
Kwai Tsing	93	318	96	318	94	287
Tsuen Wan	80	312	81	340	86	340
Tuen Mun	132	266	128	268	129	268
Yuen Long	190	481	187	483	193	556
North	202	454	207	486	204	486
Tai Po	106	299	105	299	143	286
Sha Tin	145	343	145	407	145	406
Sai Kung	136	356	135	368	138	344
Cross district	5	135	5	135	5	262

Remarks: * Staff for ad hoc events or duties are excluded.

- The Department does not keep a breakdown on the management costs in the contract expenditure for the outsourced cleansing service contracts.

3. The Department is responsible for provision of collection services of household waste. Refuse collection vehicles of the Department and its contractors call at refuse collection points (RCPs) or stops on scheduled routes. RCPs receive household waste from nearby residential developments delivered by the public or their private waste collectors. The Department has no plan to extend the services to collect refuse directly from households.

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