

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Financial Secretary announces the Enhanced Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme, that design and facilities of 240 public toilets will be improved in phase with an estimated expenditure of \$600m. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. Whether there is timetable and priority list of public toilets for the 5 year renovation; If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. Whether assessment and public consultation will be made on the need and design of renovation for each public toilet. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
3. Whether there will be a cap on the amount reserved for each renovation work, and whether the works can be completed within the approved estimates?

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. About 240 public toilets will be refurbished or facelifted in the coming 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 at an estimated capital expenditure of \$600 million. The list of these public toilets is being worked out with regard to their conditions and level of utilisation. We plan to commence refurbishment or facelifiting works for about 40 public toilets in 2019-20. The improvement programme will gather momentum when all the dedicated staff are in post.
2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will consult the relevant District Council on refurbishment of public toilets, including the specific toilets to be refurbished, the layout, duration of the refurbishment works as well as the temporary arrangements during closure.

3. FEHD will collaborate with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to finalise the scope of works for the public toilet renovation projects. While the estimate for each project depends on various factors such as renovated area, scope of works and materials used, the project cost for each project will be capped within \$30 million. ArchSD, being the works department will monitor the project costs, time and quality.

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