

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the quantities of face masks, protective clothing and additional cleansing utensils frontline staff obtained during the epidemic.

Please set out in tabular form the additional district cleansing work arranged by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department during the epidemic, as well as the locations and frequency involved.

What are the manpower and expenditure involved in arranging household cleansing for home confinees by the Department during the epidemic? Please set out in tabular form the weekly frequency of cleansing work in the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

In view of the 2019 coronavirus disease epidemic, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has stepped up cleansing of facilities under its management, including public markets, cooked food centres, hawker bazaars, public toilets and refuse collection points (RCPs).

For public toilets with attendant service, the Department has instructed toilet attendants on duty to cleanse and disinfect the floor, water closets, urinals, wash hand basins, toilet seats, door handles, handrails, etc. every 2 hours with 1:99 diluted household bleach. For other public toilets, cleansing workers also carry out cleansing and disinfection with 1:99 diluted household bleach at least twice a day in performing routine cleansing service to ensure their cleanliness. In performing routine cleansing service in RCPs, cleansing workers will also cleanse and disinfect the floor, walls, large refuse bins, handrails, etc. with 1:99 diluted household bleach to ensure the cleanliness of RCPs.

The Department has stepped up cleansing for public markets with the use of 1:99 diluted household bleach to cleanse and disinfect the common areas and facilities in public markets

at least 4 times every day. Cleansing and disinfection are performed hourly for lift button panels and escalator handrails and every 2 hours for the toilets in the markets.

The street cleansing service of public places has also been strengthened as appropriate and when necessary, including locations where littering and other public cleanliness offences are prevalent, as well as the public places in the vicinity of the buildings where confirmed patients reside to maintain environmental hygiene. The increased frequency of street washing in various districts from 23 January 2020 to 8 March 2020 is provided at **Annex**. The Department has also arranged cleansing and disinfection of the residences of confirmed patients by cleansing workers according to the instructions of the Centre for Health Protection.

Increased Frequency of Street Washing in Various Districts
from 23 January 2020 to 8 March 2020

District	Increased frequency of street washing
Central & Western	18
Eastern	100
Southern	57
Wan Chai	142
Kowloon City	44
Kwun Tong	98
Mong Kok	14
Yau Tsim	70
Sham Shui Po	1
Wong Tai Sin	1
North	16
Sha Tin	83
Yuen Long	28
Sai Kung	64
Tuen Mun	56
Total	792

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