

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the performance of environmental hygiene duties between June and December 2019, please advise on:

- (a) the number of obstructions and assaults encountered in the performance of cleansing duties from June to December 2019; and
- (b) the additional manpower and expenditure incurred for the performance of cleansing duties from June to December 2019.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- (a) There were a total of 7 cases of obstructions or assaults encountered by staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the performance of cleansing duties from June to December 2019.
- (b) The revised estimated expenditure of the Department in providing public cleansing services in 2019-20 is \$3,703.5 million, representing an increase of about 19.6% when compared to the actual expenditure in 2018-19. As at 31 December 2019, a total of 12 642 in-house staff were involved in providing public cleansing services, representing an increase of about 7.1% as compared to 2018.

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