

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In the movement of opposition to the proposed legislative amendments over the past 9 months, "Lennon Walls" served as a propaganda "platform" for quite a number of rioters who set up such walls across the territory at all costs for brainwashing young people into believing the distorted truth; doxxing against, cursing, smearing government officials and the police in particular; confusing right and wrong; and inciting violence. "Lennon Walls" have not only affected environmental hygiene but also destroyed social harmony and inflamed the violent movement. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, being specifically responsible for environmental hygiene, all that time seems to have turned a blind eye to the "Lennon Walls" with the adoption of a non-interference approach, though it in fact has an unshirkable responsibility to clean them up. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. What is the full-year expenditure on salaries of the Director and Deputy Directors of Food and Environmental Hygiene for the 2020-21 financial year?
2. Can the Department provide information on the "Lennon Walls" set up as a result of the movement over the past 9 months? If yes, what are the number and detailed locations? If no, what are the reasons?
3. With the movement now entering another phase, will the Department undertake to clean up the "Lennon Walls" left in the territory as soon as possible so that the public can have their healthy and hygienic environment back?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

1. The estimated expenditure on the overall remuneration of the Director and Deputy Directors of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for 2020-21 is \$14.2 million.

2. The Department has been closely monitoring the display and affixation of bills in various districts. Joint operations have been mounted by the Department in collaboration with relevant Government departments to clean up bills affixed without permission in public places on government land, while individual departments are responsible for cleaning up the same at venues under their purview. As at 29 February 2020, some 950 joint operations have been conducted at 295 locations across the territory to clean up bills displayed or affixed without permission. As the locations involved vary with the public events and some of them do not fall within the purview of the Department, detailed information has not been kept.
3. The Department has reinforced joint clearance operations to progressively clean up bills affixed without permission in public places on government land. The clean-up exercise will continue as long as the ground situation permits and it is safe to do so. We will strive for early completion of the exercise.

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