

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

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:

The estimate under Programme (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services increases by \$963.8 million or 19.5% as compared with that in 2019-20. According to the Department, this is mainly due to the creation of new posts. Please advise this Committee on the following:

1. What are the details of the new posts, including the programmes, ranks, job natures and salaries involved?
2. Will the Department increase its manpower establishment or estimated expenditure due to the novel coronavirus epidemic? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

- 1) There will be a net increase of 56 posts under Programme (2) in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2020-21. The information of all the posts proposed to be created is as follows:

Scope of duties	Grade	Total annual salary
(a) To strengthen environmental hygiene and related services (including setting up additional dedicated enforcement teams against public cleanliness offences, handling water seepage problems and enhancing administrative support)	Health Inspector Supplies Officer Executive Officer Foreman Motor Driver	\$31.5 million
(b) To set up a new team for overseeing the allocation of new niches, regulate private columbaria and enhance the provision of cemeteries and crematoria services	Health Inspector	\$4.2 million

- 2) In 2020-21, the Department will, based on operational needs, deploy in-house and service contractors' resources for the anti-epidemic work against Coronavirus Disease 2019. The estimated expenditure for street cleansing service contracts is \$2.15 billion, representing an increase of \$500 million (about 30%) as compared to 2019-20 and including the provision for more street cleansing workers, mini-street washing vehicle teams and public toilet deep cleansing teams.

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