

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:

The Government proposed in last year's Budget that a total expenditure of over \$600 million be spent on refurbishing over 240 public toilets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the next 5 years. The Department states in this year's Estimates that it will continue to implement the Enhanced Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme and follow up proactively the recommendations on the planning, provision and management of public toilets made in the Audit Report and by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Legislative Council. Please account for the details of the work concerned.

1. Please provide a list of the 240 public toilets which have been included in the refurbishment programme, the timetable for the refurbishment works planned/undertaken and the estimated annual expenditure.
2. Have additional public toilets been included in the refurbishment programme in the light of the recommendations of the Audit Commission and PAC?
3. How does the tendering strategy ensure that more small and medium companies (including professional services consultancies) can have the opportunity to engage in the refurbishment projects?
4. The Department has indicated that it will organise a series of Design Thinking workshops to engage the public and relevant trades to review the current public toilet services in various aspects, such as design, procurement as well as operation and management. What is the progress of the work? Has expenditure been earmarked for the initiative? What are the "relevant trades" to be invited?
5. The Department has indicated that it will consider organising open design competitions for some selected public toilets. What is the progress of the work? Has expenditure been earmarked for the initiative?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

- 1.&2. It was announced in the 2019-20 Budget that the Government would make an additional allocation of over \$600 million to implement the Enhanced Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme (Enhanced PTRP), under which the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department would roll out the refurbishment or facelifting works for about 240 public toilets under its management by phases in 5 years since 2019-20, so as to improve their facilities and hygiene level. The Department has been working closely with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to roll out the refurbishment or facelifting projects for 42 public toilets in the first year, with an estimated expenditure of about \$151 million. The facelifting works for 7 public toilets have been completed and the remaining works are underway as planned. A list of the 42 public toilets with their works schedules is at **Annex**. Refurbishment or facelifting projects for 49 public toilets are being planned to commence in 2020-21 at a project estimate of about \$134 million. The Department will prioritise the remaining public toilets for inclusion in the Enhanced PTRP having regard to their utilisation rates, locations, maintenance conditions and the time lapsed since they were constructed or last refurbished, with special attention to those with high utilisation rates and in ageing conditions. Subject to the progress of the programme, the Department will consider bidding for additional resources to expedite the refurbishment of the remaining public toilets in due course.
3. Public toilet refurbishment projects, which involve full-scale refurbishment, are designed by the term consultants of ArchSD before tenders are invited from small and medium-sized contractors in Groups A and B on the Government's List of Approved Contractors for Public Works. Another type is facelifting projects which involve mainly repair and simple replacement of indoor sanitary fittings, ceramic tiles, etc. are undertaken by the maintenance term contractors of ArchSD.
4. Expenditure has been earmarked, and a professional consultant is being engaged to assist in the preparatory work for the Design Thinking workshops. Stakeholders involved in the use, management, design, repair and cleansing of public toilets as well as concern groups will be invited to participate in the workshops to review the existing conditions of public toilets and explore concrete and feasible proposals for improvement with innovative design thinking.
5. Expenditure has been earmarked, and suitable public toilet projects are being selected for open design competitions. Details of the competitions will be announced later this year.

**List of 42 Public Toilets under the Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme in 2019-20
(As at 6 March 2020)**

(A) 20 Refurbishment Projects

Serial no.	Name of public toilet	District	Tentative/actual commencement and completion dates¹
1.	Lok Ku Road Public Toilet	Central & Western	From September 2020 to June 2021
2.	Ladder Street Public Toilet	Central & Western	From September 2020 to June 2021
3.	Rumsey Street Multi Storey Car-park Public Toilet	Central & Western	From September 2020 to April 2021
4.	Sheung Shui Wai Po Sheung Tsuen Public Toilet	North	From April to December 2021
5.	Tseng Lan Shue Public Toilet	Sai Kung	From August 2021 to April 2022
6.	Ma Liu Shui Waterfront Public Toilet	Sha Tin	From December 2020 to August 2021
7.	Science Park Road Public Toilet	Sha Tin	From August 2020 to April 2021
8.	Shan Mei Street Public Toilet	Sha Tin	From February to September 2021
9.	Shap Yi Watt Village Public Toilet	Sha Tin	From August 2021 to April 2022
10.	Tai Wai Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Sha Tin	From April to November 2021
11.	To Tau Village Public Toilet	Sha Tin	From April to November 2021
12.	No. 16 Aberdeen Main Road Public Toilet	Southern	From October 2021 to April 2022
13.	Fong Ma Po Public Toilet	Tai Po	From November 2020 to August 2021
14.	Ma Wo Public Toilet	Tai Po	From April to December 2021
15.	Tap Mun Pier Public Toilet	Tai Po	From April to December 2021
16.	Sunny Bay Public Toilet	Tsuen Wan	From October 2020 to July 2021
17.	Wang Lung Street Public Toilet	Tsuen Wan	From April to November 2021
18.	Morrison Hill Road Public Toilet	Wan Chai	From February to August 2021
19.	Science Museum Road Public Toilet	Yau Tsim	From February to September 2021
20.	Hong King Street Public Toilet	Yuen Long	From March to December 2021

¹ The commencement and completion dates are subject to the progress of public consultation.

(B) 22 Facelifting Projects

Serial no.	Name of public toilet	District	Tentative/actual commencement and completion dates²
1.	Hong Kong Park Indoor Game Hall Public Toilet	Central & Western	From March to June 2020
2.	Wing Lok Street Public Toilet	Central & Western	From March to June 2020
3.	Ngong Ping Road Interchange Public Toilet	Islands	From October 2019 to January 2020 (completed)
4.	Tat Tung Road Public Toilet	Islands	From September 2019 to January 2020 (completed)
5.	Kwai Fong Station Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Kwai Tsing	From October 2019 to April 2020
6.	Kwai Hing Station Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Kwai Tsing	From October 2019 to April 2020
7.	Lei Yue Mun Ma Wan Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Kwun Tong	From March to June 2020
8.	Shung Yan Street Public Toilet	Kwun Tong	From February to June 2020
9.	Mong Kok Road Public Toilet	Mong Kok	From June to October 2020
10.	Sai Yee Street Garden Public Toilet	Mong Kok	From September 2020 to February 2021
11.	Sai Yee Street Public Toilet	Mong Kok	From May to October 2020
12.	Nam Cheong Street Public Toilet	Sham Shui Po	From June to November 2019 (completed)
13.	Pei Ho Street Market G/F & 1/F Toilet	Sham Shui Po	1/F: From September to December 2019 (completed) G/F: From April to July 2020
14.	Yen Chow Street Public Toilet	Sham Shui Po	From December 2019 to May 2020
15.	Chai Wan Kok Public Toilet	Tsuen Wan	From April to June 2020
16.	Chuen Lung Village Public Toilet	Tsuen Wan	From October 2019 to February 2020 (completed)
17.	Heung Che Street Public Toilet	Tsuen Wan	From October 2019 to January 2020 (completed)
18.	Shing Mun Road Public Toilet	Tsuen Wan	From April to June 2020

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19.	Wan Chai Market Public Toilet	Wan Chai	From April to October 2020
20.	Gascoigne Road Public Toilet	Yau Tsim	From September 2019 to February 2020 (completed)
21.	Jordan Road Public Toilet	Yau Tsim	From September 2019 to January 2020 (completed)
22.	Market Street Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Yau Tsim	From October 2019 to May 2020

² The commencement and completion dates are subject to the progress of public consultation.

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