

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services, the provision for the coming year will be increased to \$590 million, representing an increase of 19.5%. In paragraph 7 under Brief Description, it is stated that the scope of work involves providing efficient and effective public cleansing services such as street cleansing and household waste collection. Under Matters Requiring Special Attention, it is stated that the design and facilities of existing public toilets are to be improved by phases. Given that there is an increase in the estimate, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. What is the actual amount of additional allocation to the Department for providing cleansing services such as street cleansing and household waste collection in the coming year? How will the Department, in response to the requests of District Councils, allocate the additional manpower and resources for street cleansing and enhancement of waste collection so as to keep the hygiene of various districts from being impacted by the waste pending clearance?
2. Some District Councils have claimed that the Department would not take the initiative to furnish information on the refurbishment works for public toilets and input for improvement could hardly be provided as the information was not available until commencement of the works. Will the Department set out in tabular form the public toilets to be improved and refurbished in respective districts in the coming financial year? Will the Department undertake to furnish documents to respective District Councils before inviting tenders so that they may decide whether discussion should be held at meetings where more input for improvement can be incorporated into the tenders?
3. The Department submits an annual plan entitled "Strategies and Work to Improve the Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong" to 18 District Councils every year. Apart from a brief report on main duties, information such as ways in which streets or public toilets are cleansed, cleansing frequencies, the number of staff involved, daily arrangements, schedules of refuse collection vehicles and the marking scheme for contractors are seldom included. Sometimes only a very brief account is given even

for district-based work, making it difficult for District Councillors and the public to follow up. How will the Department improve the contents of the plans (e.g. by, at least, including the above items) to allow more effective comments by respective districts for enhancement in cleanliness?

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

1. The estimated expenditure for the provision of public cleansing services by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2020-21 is \$4.517 billion, of which \$3.86 billion and \$657 million are allocated for street cleansing and waste collection services respectively. The overall estimated expenditure on public cleansing services is \$813 million or about 22% higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20. With increased provision, the Department will continue its commitment to provide effective public cleansing services to the community.
2. The Department collaborates with the Architectural Services Department to work out the priority list of public toilets for refurbishment or facelifting, having regard to their utilisation rates, maintenance conditions, locations and the time lapsed since they were constructed or last refurbished. It is planning to commence the refurbishment or facelifting works for 49 public toilets in 2020-21. A list of the public toilets is at Annex. Before inviting tenders, consultation with the relevant District Councils (DCs) on the refurbishment of public toilets, including the toilets to be refurbished, layout design, works schedule and temporary arrangements such as provision of portable toilets (if applicable) during closure, will be conducted.
3. On submission of “Strategies and Work to Improve the Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong” to DCs annually, DC members are updated on our work in the previous year, our strategies and actions for maintaining and improving local environmental hygiene in the coming year, as well as our efforts on market management and hawker control. A District Action Plan for the coming year, which is drawn up by respective District Environmental Hygiene Office in the light of local characteristics, will also be attached to the paper to give an account of the services and tasks to be performed. Through various channels, the Department has been maintaining communication with DCs and their respective Committees or Working Groups to gather views and suggestions on ways to improve environmental hygiene.

List of 49 Public Toilets under the Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme in 2020-21**(A) 20 Refurbishment Projects**

Serial no.	Name of public toilet	District	Address
1.	Wellington Street Public Toilet (Male Only)	Central & Western	Junction of Wellington Street and Queen's Road Central, Central
2.	Wa Hing Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Central & Western	Junction of Shing Wong Street and Wa Hing Lane, Sheung Wan
3.	Ice House Street Public Toilet	Central & Western	Opposite No. 16 Ice House Street, Central
4.	Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Central & Western	2/F, Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building, No. 470 Queen's Road West, Shek Tong Tsui
5.	Stanley Tytam Village Public Toilet	Southern	Stanley Tytam Village near Hong Kong Sea School
6.	South Bay Public Toilet	Southern	South Bay Road near South Bay Beach
7.	Round Table I Village Public Toilet	Islands	Round Table I Village, Cheung Chau
8.	Ma Wan Chung Public Toilet	Islands	Ma Wan Chung, Tung Chung
9.	Anchor Street Playground Public Toilet	Mong Kok	Anchor Street Playground
10.	Chung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Tuen Mun	Chung Uk Tsuen
11.	Kin Lung Street Public Toilet	Tuen Mun	Kin Lung Street, Tuen Mun (near Shek Pai Tau Playground)
12.	Tai Tong Road Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Yuen Long	Sai Ching Street (near Manhattan Plaza), Yuen Long
13.	Kuk Ting Street Public Toilet	Yuen Long	Kuk Ting Street, Yuen Long
14.	Luk Keng Public Toilet	North	Luk Keng Road near Chan Fung Kee Store, Sha Tau Kok
15.	Yue Kok Public Toilet	Tai Po	Yue Kok Village, Tai Po
16.	Tung Ping Chau Public Toilet	Tai Po	Tung Ping Chau
17.	Tap Mun Ha Wai Public Toilet	Tai Po	Tap Mun Ha Wai, Tai Po
18.	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village North Public Toilet	Tai Po	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village, Tai Po
19.	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village South Public Toilet	Tai Po	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village, Tai Po

Serial no.	Name of public toilet	District	Address
20.	Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate Public Toilet	Sai Kung	Chun Yat Street

(B) 29 Facelifting Projects

Serial no.	Name of public toilet	District	Address
1.	Kennedy Road Public Toilet	Central & Western	Junction of Kennedy Road and Garden Road, Central
2.	Macau Ferry Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Central & Western	At side of Macau Ferry Bus Terminus, Sheung Wan
3.	Hospital Road Public Toilet	Central & Western	Basement, Centre for Food Safety, No. 4 Hospital Road, Sai Ying Pun
4.	Quarry Bay Market Public Toilet	Eastern	No. 38 Quarry Bay Street
5.	Pak Fuk Road Public Toilet	Eastern	Junction of Pak Fuk Road and Healthy Street Central
6.	Yip Fat Street Public Toilet	Southern	Near No. 12 Yip Fat Street, Wong Chuk Hang
7.	Sok Kwu Wan Public Toilet	Islands	Sok Kwu Wan Ferry Pier, Lamma
8.	Lo Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Islands	Lo Uk Tsuen, Lantau
9.	Shui Hau Public Toilet	Islands	Shui Hau Village, Lantau
10.	Pok Man Street Public Toilet	Mong Kok	No. 1 Sham Mong Road, Olympic Station
11.	Mei Foo Sun Chuen Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Sham Shui Po	Mei Foo Sun Chuen Bus Terminus
12.	Lung Kong Road Public Toilet	Kowloon City	No. 30-32, Lung Kong Road
13.	Kei Yip Lane Public Toilet	Kwun Tong	Near Kwun Tong Ferry Pier Bus Terminus at Kei Yip Lane, Kwun Tong
14.	Tai Lin Pai Road Public Toilet	Kwai Tsing	Tai Lin Pai Road near Kung Yip Street
15.	Ta Chuen Ping Street Public Toilet	Kwai Tsing	Ta Chuen Ping Street near a carpark
16.	Tin Sum San Tsuen Public Toilet	Tuen Mun	Tin Sum San Tsuen
17.	San Wai Public Toilet	Yuen Long	San Wai, San Sik Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long

Serial no.	Name of public toilet	District	Address
18.	Public Toilet at Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (1)	Yuen Long	Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (1)
19.	Public Toilet at Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (2)	Yuen Long	Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (2)
20.	Wo Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	North	At side of a carpark in Wo Hing Tsuen, Fanling
21.	Shui Wai Public Toilet	Tai Po	Shui Wai Village, Tai Po
22.	Tai Po Tau South Public Toilet	Tai Po	Tai Po Tau Village
23.	Ngau Pei Sha Village Public Toilet	Sha Tin	Junction of Sha Tin Wai Road and Ngau Pei Sha Street
24.	Wo Liu Hang Village Public Toilet	Sha Tin	Wo Liu Hang Village
25.	Fo Tan Village Public Toilet	Sha Tin	Near Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan Village
26.	Pak Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Sai Kung	Opposite lamp post No. EB31651 at Pak Kong Road
27.	Tai Po Tsai Lower Village Public Toilet	Sai Kung	Tai Po Tsai Lower Village
28.	Tai Mong Tsai Public Toilet	Sai Kung	At side of Tai Mong Tsai Carpark
29.	Sha Kiu (Leung Shuen Wan) Public Toilet	Sai Kung	Sha Kiu (Leung Shuen Wan)

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