Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21

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Head:	(49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Question:

How many Workmen II are employed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department? What are (i) the number, (ii) the post(s), (iii) the minimum salary point(s), (iv) the maximum salary point(s), (v) the average weekly working hours, and (vi) the meal time(s) of Workmen II who take up non-technical duties? Are they entitled to travelling and hardship allowances when they work under inclement weather?

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

As at 1 March 2020, there were 2 772 Workmen II (WMII) working in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. All of them took up non-technical duties, including public cleansing duties, pest control services, duties relating to disposal of dead bodies and cemeteries and crematoria services, as well as other manual work in offices and facilities managed by the Department. The minimum pay point of WMII is Model Scale 1 Pay Scale Point 0 (\$13,730 per month) and the maximum pay point is Model Scale 1 Pay Scale Point 8 (\$16,175 per month). Their average working hours per week are 45 hours. The meal time of WMII is normally 1 hour. If WMII are required to work when a Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or a Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or above) is in force, they are entitled to the Rainstorm Black Warning Allowance or Typhoon Allowance.

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