

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

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Question:

Please advise this Committee on the number of community hygiene facilities, such as refuse bins, sabotaged or damaged in a series of protests against the proposed legislative amendments starting from the second half of 2019. Please also advise on the additional expenditure on street cleansing in the aftermath, e.g. whether cleaners were required to work overtime to clean up the streets. If yes, the detailed figures; if no, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

Between June 2019 and February 2020, about 1 280 litter containers, 100 cigarette butt containers, 20 dog excreta collection bins and 120 recyclables collection bins of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department were sabotaged. The replacement cost of the facilities is about \$1.7 million.

The Department is responsible for providing cleansing services in public places. Street cleansing services will be provided as promptly as circumstances permit after large-scale public order events. Cleansing contractors will, subject to ground situation, provide street cleansing services under the staffing requirement specified in service contracts as far as possible. In the light of the situation, outsourced service contractors were engaged by the Department to enhance mid-night cleansing services in 2019-20 (up to February). The additional expenditure involved is about \$4 million.

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