

**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)  
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Question:

Please set out the number of public toilets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department; the locations of public toilets which are provided with (i) attendant rooms, (ii) drinking facilities and (iii) roll call rooms nearby; the area of attendant rooms (if any); and whether ventilation facilities are provided. Will enhancement be made to the facilities of public toilets, including providing resting and drinking facilities for staff? Will any space in the newly built public toilets be reserved for providing resting and drinking facilities for staff? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1661)

Reply:

Of the 799 public toilets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, 276 are provided with toilet attendants. Of these toilets, 238 are provided with attendant rooms and drinking water for attendants. The sizes of attendant rooms vary with the ground situations. Generally speaking, attendants may sign in and out at public toilets.

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, under which the 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. Consideration will be given to the provision or enhancement of attendant rooms when new toilets are built or existing ones reprovisioned or refurbished. Resting facilities will be provided to staff as far as practicable. Contractors will provide drinking water to their staff.

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