

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)270****(Question Serial No. 5189)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

In the past 5 years, what were the total number of cleansing workers employed by the Department's public cleansing service contractors, the number of workers employed by each outsourced cleansing service contractor, the total expenditure incurred by the Department for outsourcing public cleansing services, the amount of fines imposed on such contractors for breaching contract conditions (with a breakdown by company), and the number of warnings issued to such contractors for breaching contract conditions (with a breakdown by company)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1665)

Reply:

The expenditure incurred by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for outsourced public cleansing services in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (revised estimate) is \$1,163.8 million, \$1,223.7 million, \$1,386.0 million, \$1,617.2 million and \$2,056.0 million respectively.

The total number of cleansing workers employed by the Department's public cleansing service contractors, the number of times contract enforcement action was taken against breach of contract provisions and the amount of monthly service charge deducted in the past 5 calendar years are provided as follows:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of cleansing workers employed by the Department's public cleansing service contractors	6 777	6 591	6 939	7 368	7 959
Number of verbal warnings issued	2 165	2 792	2 160	2 742	2 412
Number of written warnings issued	156	109	122	128	91
Number of default notices issued	1 403	937	1 089	1 622	1 419
Amount of monthly service charges deducted (\$ million)	3.022	1.727	2.086	3.923	3.765

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