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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the cleansing workers and toilet attendants employed by outsourced service contractors of the Department in the past 5 years, please provide:

- (1) a breakdown of the number of workers by workplace (such as public toilets, streets);
- (2) the number of cleansing workers working in the 18 districts in Hong Kong;
- (3) the median wage and average wage rate; and
- (4) the number and percentage of workers entitled to payment for meal breaks and those of workers not entitled to payment for meal breaks under the contracts.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 341)

Reply:

- (1) and (2) The information sought is provided at Annex 1.
- (3) The information sought is provided at Annex 2.
- (4) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep information on the number of outsourced workers with or without paid meal breaks.

Number of outsourced cleansing workmen and toilet attendants

Districts	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31.12.2019)
Number of Cleansing Workmen (mainly performing street cleansing duties)					
Central and Western	534	533	665	653	802
Eastern	197	195	321	443	583
Islands	217	219	239	244	353
Kowloon City	385	385	434	437	594
Kwai Tsing	344	363	363	336	337
Kwun Tong	382	387	441	441	502
Mong Kok	509	452	444	436	442
North	489	496	520	524	579
Sai Kung	386	395	409	402	402
Sha Tin	368	368	418	421	462
Sham Shui Po	478	477	490	503	588
Southern	208	208	246	246	302
Tai Po	321	346	346	337	337
Tsuen Wan	406	406	432	432	403
Tuen Mun	307	307	308	310	320
Wan Chai	332	341	509	508	508
Wong Tai Sin	248	246	270	286	290
Yau Tsim	366	274	274	290	294
Yuen Long	478	519	519	621	621
Cross-District	1 064	1 056	911	1 078	581
Total	8 019	7 973	8 559	8 948	9 300
Number of Toilet Attendants					
Central and Western	81	81	99	99	125
Eastern	26	26	26	58	52
Islands	49	49	65	65	71
Kowloon City	64	64	64	64	60
Kwai Tsing	37	38	38	42	42
Kwun Tong	42	42	40	40	42
Mong Kok	36	36	36	44	44
North	46	46	54	54	67
Sai Kung	27	27	25	32	42
Sha Tin	40	40	50	50	46
Sham Shui Po	40	40	42	42	44
Southern	32	32	40	40	48
Tai Po	29	29	29	34	34

Tsuen Wan	36	36	34	34	38
Tuen Mun	16	16	18	18	24
Wan Chai	30	30	68	68	68
Wong Tai Sin	22	22	24	24	24
Yau Tsim	44	40	40	46	46
Yuen Long	46	48	48	56	56
Cross-District	113	113	89	57	57
Total	856	855	929	967	1 030

Note: The Department does not keep information on the breakdown of the number of workers by workplace.

The numbers of cleansing workmen and toilet attendants are the numbers of functional posts stipulated in the contracts.

Monthly wages of outsourced cleansing workmen and toilet attendants

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31.12.2019)
Cleansing Workmen					
Median Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	8,184	8,308	8,804	8,928	9,672
Average Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	8,172	8,312	8,815	9,088	10,012
Toilet Attendants					
Median Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	9,207	9,347	9,905	10,044	10,881
Average Committed Monthly Wages (\$)	9,210	9,313	9,902	10,129	11,154

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