

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 Diane WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the outsourced services for street cleansing, pest control, market and cooked food market cleansing, waste collection, recyclables collection and animal carcass collection in the past 3 years, please set out:

1. the number of contracts;
2. the total sum of payment to contractors;
3. the total number of staff employed by the contractors, the number of supervisors and the number of workers; and
4. the distribution of hourly wages and monthly wages of staff employed by the contractors.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 131)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

**Outsourced Service Contracts
of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)**

(a) Street cleansing

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as at 31.12.2020)
Number of outsourced street cleansing contracts	34	34	38
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (\$ billion)	1.2630	1.6530	2.2843 ^{Note 1}
Number of staff engaged by outsourced service providers ^{Note 2}			
Total	7 839	8 948	9 439
Supervisor	726	877	978
Workman	7 113	8 071	8 461
Monthly salary range of outsourced staff ^{Note 3}			
\$20,001-\$30,000	-	-	14
\$16,001-\$20,000	-	-	-
\$13,001-\$16,000	-	281	2 208
\$10,001-\$13,000	842	4 348	5 385
\$9,001-\$10,000	2 242	3 387	833
\$9,000 or below	4 168	-	-

Note 1: The revised estimate for 2020-21.

Note 2: The number of staff engaged by the outsourced service providers is the number of functional posts specified in the contracts.

Note 3: Only the monthly salary range of non-skilled workers is available. FEHD does not keep information on the hourly salary range of the respective workers.

(b) Pest control

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as at 31.12.2020)
Number of outsourced pest control contracts	19	19	23
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (\$ million)	320.6	346.3	414.3 ^{Note 1}
Number of staff engaged by outsourced service providers ^{Note 2}			
Total	1 788	1 862	1 910
Supervisor	303	310	318
Workman	1 485	1 552	1 592
Monthly salary range of outsourced staff ^{Note 3}			
\$20,001-\$30,000	-	-	-
\$16,001-\$20,000	-	-	-
\$13,001-\$16,000	-	-	81
\$10,001-\$13,000	326	935	1 190
\$9,001-\$10,000	883	617	321
\$9,000 or below	416	-	-

Note 1: The revised estimate for 2020-21.

Note 2: The number of staff engaged by the outsourced service providers is the number of functional posts specified in the contracts.

Note 3: Only the monthly salary range of non-skilled workers is available. FEHD does not keep information on the hourly salary range of the respective workers.

(c) Market cleansing (including market cleansing and market management services)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as at 31.12.2020)
Number of outsourced market cleansing contracts	21	21	22
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (\$ million)	190.9	208.1	282.8 ^{Note 1}
Number of staff engaged by outsourced service providers ^{Note 2}			
Total	1 265	1 271	1 325
Supervisor	197	193	199
Workman	1 068	1 078	1 126
Monthly salary range of outsourced staff ^{Note 3}			
\$20,001-\$30,000	-	-	-
\$16,001-\$20,000	-	-	8
\$13,001-\$16,000	-	-	74
\$10,001-\$13,000	-	389	1 044
\$9,001-\$10,000	522	642	-
\$9,000 or below	553	-	-

Note 1: The revised estimate for 2020-21.

Note 2: The number of staff engaged by the outsourced service providers is the number of functional posts specified in the contracts.

Note 3: Only the monthly salary range of non-skilled workers is available. FEHD does not keep information on the hourly salary range of the respective workers.

(d) Waste collection

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as at 31.12.2020)
Number of outsourced waste collection contracts	16	16	17
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (\$ million)	207.6	212.5	215.0 ^{Note 1}
Number of staff engaged by outsourced service providers ^{Note 2}			
Total	322	320	323
Supervisor	210	208	211
Workman	112	112	112
Monthly salary range of outsourced staff ^{Note 3}			
\$20,001-\$30,000	10	10	-
\$16,001-\$20,000	1	1	-
\$13,001-\$16,000	130	130	16
\$10,001-\$13,000	44	40	11
\$9,001-\$10,000	60	94	85
\$9,000 or below	41	-	-

Note 1: The revised estimate for 2020-21.

Note 2: The number of staff engaged by the outsourced service providers is the number of functional posts specified in the contracts.

Note 3: For 2020-21, only the monthly salary range of non-skilled workers is available. FEHD does not keep information on the hourly salary range of the respective workers.

(e) Recyclables collection

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 ^{Note 4} (as at 31.12.2020)
Number of outsourced recyclables collection contracts	3	3	-
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (\$ million)	18.0	21.0	12.0 ^{Note 1}
Number of staff engaged by outsourced service providers ^{Note 2}			
Total	38	38	-
Supervisor	20	20	-
Workman	18	18	-
Monthly salary range of outsourced staff ^{Note 3}			
\$20,001-\$30,000	-	-	-
\$16,001-\$20,000	-	-	-
\$13,001-\$16,000	4	4	-
\$10,001-\$13,000	14	14	-
\$9,001-\$10,000	-	-	-
\$9,000 or below	-	-	-

Note 1: The revised estimate for 2020-21.

Note 2: The number of staff engaged by the outsourced service providers is the number of functional posts specified in the contracts.

Note 3: Only the monthly salary range of non-skilled workers is available. FEHD does not keep information on the hourly salary range of the respective workers.

Note 4: After the expiry of the relevant contracts on 1 October 2020, the Environmental Protection Department has taken up the management of these contracts.

(f) Animal carcass collection

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as at 31.12.2020)
Number of outsourced animal carcass collection contracts	1	1	1
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (\$ million)	4.8	4.8	4.8 ^{Note 1}
Number of staff engaged by outsourced service providers ^{Note 2}			
Total	12	12	12
Supervisor	7	7	7
Workman	5	5	5
Monthly salary range of outsourced staff ^{Note 3}			
\$20,001-\$30,000	-	-	-
\$16,001-\$20,000	-	-	-
\$13,001-\$16,000	-	-	-
\$10,001-\$13,000	5	5	5
\$9,001-\$10,000	-	-	-
\$9,000 or below	-	-	-

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Note 3: Only the monthly salary range of non-skilled workers is available. FEHD does not keep information on the hourly salary range of the respective workers.

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