

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)130****(Question Serial No. 0259)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the work of “providing efficient and effective public cleansing services, including street cleansing and household waste collection, and management of public cleansing facilities such as public toilets and refuse collection points”,

- does the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department provide the staff responsible for the provision of those services with protective equipment? If yes, please set out as per the table below the types and quantities of the equipment and the expenditure involved. If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

	Quantity of equipment 1 (weekly)	Quantity of equipment 2 (weekly)	Quantity of equipment 3 (weekly)	Expenditure involved
Staff of public cleansing service type 1				
Staff of public cleansing service type 2				
Staff of public cleansing service type 3				

- have any staff members responsible for the provision of public cleansing services been confirmed with COVID-19? If yes, please provide the number with a breakdown by service type.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department attaches great importance to the safety and occupational safety and health arrangements of staff (including in-house cleansing workers and those employed by outsourced contractors). The Department and public cleansing service contractors conduct risk assessment on various working environment settings and take appropriate precautionary measures, which include providing staff with adequate and suitable protective equipment and safety training as appropriate. A total of 4

cleansing workers of the Department have been confirmed with COVID-19. For the protective equipment provided for cleansing workers engaged in each type of services, please refer to Annex. The Department does not keep a separate breakdown on the expenditure in this respect.

List of protective equipment for cleansing workers

	Type of work	Surgical face mask	Rubber gloves	Cotton yarn gloves	Safety helmet	Reflective safety vest	Reflective raincoat	Safety shoes	Rubber boots	Other equipment *
1.	Street cleansing service	2-4 pieces (daily/to be replenished when necessary)	2 pairs (monthly)	4 pairs (monthly)	1 piece (every 3 years)	1 piece	1 piece (every 3 years)	1 pair (yearly)	1 pair (yearly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports shoes: 2 pairs (yearly) ● Goggles: 1 pair ● N95 face mask: 2 pieces ● Shoe covers: 1 pair ● Coverall: 1 piece ● Safety cotton gloves: 1 pair
2.	Street washing service	2-4 pieces (daily/to be replenished when necessary)	2 pairs (monthly)	4 pairs (monthly)	1 piece (every 3 years)	1 piece	1 piece (every 3 years)	N.A.	1 pair (yearly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports shoes: 2 pairs (yearly) ● Goggles: 1 pair ● Face shield: 1 piece ● Coverall: 1 piece ● Apron: 1 piece
3.	Refuse collection service	2-4 pieces (daily/to be replenished when necessary)	2 pairs (monthly)	4 pairs (monthly)	1 piece (every 3 years)	1 piece	1 piece (every 3 years)	2 pairs (yearly)	2 pairs (yearly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goggles: 1 pair ● Face shield: 1 piece ● Safety cotton gloves: 1 pair ● Ear plugs: 1 pair ● Apron: 1 piece ● Sleeves: 1 pair
4.	Disinfection service	2-4 pieces (daily/to be replenished when necessary)	2 pairs (monthly)	4 pairs (monthly)	1 piece * (every 3 years)	1 piece	N.A.	1 pair (yearly)	1 pair (yearly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goggles: 1 pair ● N95 face mask: 2 pieces ● Leather gloves: 1 pair ● Shoe covers: 1 pair ● Face shield: 1 piece ● Coverall: 1 piece
5.	Special cleansing team service	2-4 pieces (daily/to be replenished when necessary)	2 pairs (monthly)	4 pairs (monthly)	1 piece (every 3 years)	1 piece	1 piece (every 3 years)	1 pair (yearly)	1 pair (yearly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goggles: 1 pair ● Safety boots: 1 pair (yearly) ● Safety cotton gloves: 1 pair ● Life jacket: 1 piece

Notes: * Cleansing workers working in various environment settings are provided with adequate and suitable personal protective equipment.

() denotes the replacement schedule.

All protective equipment can be replaced, upon request, ahead of the replacement schedule when necessary (e.g. damaged, unsuitable).

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