

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**

[Bureau Secretary/Controlling Officer : Secretary for the Environment and Food]

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S-EFB001

Question Serial No.

S073

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 22 - Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead: -

Programme : (1) Agriculture and Fisheries Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question : To prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease, the Administration deploys 1 Senior Veterinary Officer and 2 Veterinary Officers to prevent the disease. The veterinary officers are supported by 22 laboratory and 11 field personnel. What support do these 11 field personnel provide? Will consideration be given to increase the manpower to provide more support?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

The 11 field staff conduct regular checks on livestock farms for animal diseases, in particular foot and mouth disease. They conduct surveys on specific diseases, collect samples required for disease surveillance and provide advice to farmers on farm hygiene, disease control and prevention. They also assist veterinary officers in investigating disease outbreaks.

If we identify a need to do so, e.g. in case of a disease outbreak, we will re-deploy existing resources accordingly.

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Bureau Serial No.

S-EFB002

Question Serial No.

S072

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 22 - Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead: -

Programme : (2) Nature Conservation and Country Parks

Controlling Officer : Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question : Each year, the government spends a large amount of resources on replanting trees in the urban areas as green work. In 2001-02, some \$26 million will be spent on planting of over 2.8 million plants in all 18 districts. Meanwhile, the Culture Committee is conducting consultation on how to enhance the cultural tinge of the townscape of Hong Kong. On the other hand, the government permits the continuous felling of numerous hundred-year old trees of historical, cultural and tourism value such as banyan trees rooted in the cracks of rocks. This is obviously a divergence in policy. Will the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department increase resources for protection of valuable or special plants in the urban areas, including providing additional resources for conducting systematic surveys on special trees in the urban areas, keeping data records of them, labelling them, giving special protection to them and enacting legislation to protect them and so on?

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's main responsibility is to plant, maintain and protect vegetation inside country parks and special areas. As regards the urban areas, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has embarked on a tree survey in 2000 to collect information on urban trees under its management and is establishing a database to record the relevant information collected such as species, dimensions, habitat and growing habit. This work will be covered by the existing resources of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

Signature	_____
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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 44 – Environmental Protection Department Subhead :

Programme : (1) Waste Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Environmental Protection

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question: The EPD indicated that the annual throughput of chemical wastes handled in the Tsing Yi Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) was about 63,000 tonnes in 1999-2000 and in this year. According to the EPD's annual report, information shows that the construction cost of the said CWTC was \$1.3 billion, with a handling capacity of 100,000 tonnes chemical wastes a year and an estimated annual operating expenditure at \$500 million. Please advise:

- (1) since the commissioning of the CWTC in 1993, what is the annual throughput of chemical wastes handled?
- (2) has the Government over-estimated the quantity of chemical wastes in Hong Kong, and wasted the tax payers' money in constructing and maintaining such CWTC? and
- (3) is it cost effective to spend \$500 million a year for the handling of 63,000 tonnes of chemical wastes, with an average unit handling cost of \$8,000 per tonne?

Asked by : Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

Reply :

- (1) The annual throughput of the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) since 1993 is as follows:

Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Intake in tonnes	22,200	81,000	89,300	64,400	68,900	74,700	62,200	62,800

- (2) In 1994 and 1995, the throughput was approaching the design capacity of 100,000 tonnes per year. The general decrease in the amount of waste going to the CWTC in subsequent years is due to a combination of the adoption of waste minimization practices and in-house treatment by some major chemical waste producers together with the overall change in Hong Kong's economic structure which has resulted in fewer manufacturing activities within Hong Kong. The Government is negotiating with the contractor to improve cost-effectiveness and reduce the net operating cost of the CWTC.
- (3) The services provided by the CWTC include pre-acceptance analysis, provision of suitable containers, waste collection and proper treatment that meet stringent emission requirements. The cost of chemical waste treatment in Hong Kong is comparable with that in the U.S.A., Canada, Denmark or Japan.

(Robert J. S. Law)

Director of Environmental Protection

26 March 2001

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S-EFB004

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY ORAL QUESTION**

Head : 44 – Environmental Protection Department Subhead :

Programme : (1) Waste Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Environmental Protection

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question : What is the contractual period of the existing contract with the operator of the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre?

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The contractual period of the existing contract for the operation of the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) is 15 years. As the CWTC was commissioned in April 1993, the existing contract will end in April 2008.

(Robert J. S. Law)

Director of Environmental Protection

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Bureau Serial No.

S-EFB005

Question Serial No.

Oral

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY ORAL QUESTION**

Head : 44 – Environmental Protection Department Subhead :

Programme : (4) Waste

Controlling Officer : Director of Environmental Protection

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question : How frequent are the night raids on livestock farms being conducted?

Asked by : Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong

Reply : The frequency of night raids on livestock farms would depend on the signs in the streams of suspected illegal discharges observed by EPD staff and intelligence provided by local residents. In year 2000, a total of 320 ambush actions have been conducted.

(Robert J. S. Law)
Director of Environmental Protection
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Bureau Serial No.

S-EFB006

Question Serial No.

S074

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

Regarding the collection of pig carcasses, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has designated 78 collection points. Where are these collection points located? Are they located in the proximity of the pig farms? Will the Government step up inspections of those vacant areas near pig farms to prevent unauthorised disposal of pig carcasses?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

The locations of the 78 designated collection points are set out at the **Annex**. All collection points are accessible by vehicles and within a few minutes' drive from pig farms. Some of them are within walking distance.

The most effective way to prevent unauthorized disposal of pig carcasses is to secure pig farmers' co-operation. We will work with AFCD to achieve this.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs Rita LAU

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Environmental Hygiene

Date _____ 26 March 2001

Annex

List of FEHD's Designated Collection Points for Animal Carcass Collection Service

District	Serial No.	Location
Tuen Mun	1	Nai Wai Village RCP, Nai Wai
	2	Yick Yuen Village RCP, Yick Yuen
Yuen Long	1.	Hung To RCP, San Tin
	2.	Pak Shek Au RCP, San Tin
	3.	Chau Tau RCP, Lok Ma Chau
	4.	Ki Lun Shan Entrance RCP, Chau Tau
	5.	Ki Lun Shan Top Bin Site, Ki Lun Shan Road
	6.	Siu Hom Tsuen Bin Site, near San Tin Petrol Station
	7.	Mai Po Tsuen RCP, San Tin
	8.	San Wai RCP, near Fuk Hing Lane, san Tin
	9.	Ngau Tam Mei East RCP
	10.	Pok Wai RCP
	11.	Wing Ki Tsuen Bin site, Pok Wai
	12.	Wing Ning Tsuen No. 1 RCP, Ping Shan
	13.	Fung Kut Heung RCP, at the hillside
	14.	Lau Fau Shan RCP, Lau Fau Shan
	15.	Sha Kiu Sheung Wan Bin Site, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau shan
	16.	Sha Kiu Ha Wan Bin Site, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan
	17.	Kau Lee Uk Tsuen RCP, Tin Ha Road
	18.	Yau Kung No. 2 Bin Site, San Sang Road
	19.	Dumping site at the entrance of heliport, Kai Pak Leng, Hung Shui Kiu

District	Serial No.	Location
	20.	Slope at side of the entrance of heliport, Kai Pak Leng, Hung Shui Kiu
	21.	At right hand side of passing space of heliport, Kai Pak Leng, Hung Shui Kiu
	22.	At left hand side of passing space of heliport, Kai Pak Leng, Hung Shui Kiu
	23.	Sik Kong Wai Bin Site, Ha Tsuen
	24.	Sha Kong Miu RCP, Lau Fau Shan
	25.	Sheung Pak Lai No. 2 Bin Site, Lau Fau Shan
	26.	Ha Pak Lai RCP, Lau Fau Shan
	27.	Pak Sha Tsuen RCP, Tai Tong Road
	28.	Lam Hau Pok Bin Site, Ma Tin Road
	29.	Tong Yan San Tsuen, Ma Fung Ling Road
	30.	Tai To Tsuen RCP, Ping Shan
	31.	Tan Kwai Tsuen RCP, Hung Shui Kiu
	32.	Yau Char Po Bin Site, Tai Shu Ha West Road
	33.	Tai Shu Ha West RCP (at side of Yau Lee Farm)
	34.	Ma Tin Pok RCP, Tai Tong
	35.	Tong Tau Po Bin Site, Tai Shu Ha West Road
	36.	Po Chu Yuen RCP, Tai Ki Ling
	37.	Tai Kong Po Bin Site, Kam Tin
	38.	Kong Ha Wai VMO Bin Site, Kam Tin
	39.	Tar Shek Tong Bin Site, near FSD Training School
	40.	RCP at junction of Shek Kong Airport Road and Kam Tin Road
	41.	Shek Wu Tong VMO RCP, Kam Sheung Road

District	Serial No.	Location
	42.	Man Ka Yuen RCP, Kam Tin Road, near Home for the Aged
	43.	Bor Lei Hang RCP, Sheung Tsuen
	44.	Ng Ka Tsuen Bridge RCP
	45.	Hang Tau Par RCP, Kam Sheung Road
	46.	Wang Toi Shan San Tsuen, Pat Heung
	47.	Ha Yau Tin Tsuen RCP
	48.	At side of Pumping Station of Wong Chuk Hang, Kam Sheung Road, Kam Tin.
	49.	At hill side of Ngau Tam Mei Primary School, Ngau Tam Mei East, San Tin
	50.	Brothers Farm of Ngau Tam Mei East, San Tin
	51.	Long Ha RCP, San Tin
	52.	Mo Fan Heung RCP, San Tin
	53.	Shek Wu Wai, San Tin
	54.	Wai Tsai Tsuen RCP, San Tin
	55.	Tse Tong Tsuen RCP, Kam Tin
	56.	At entrance of Chik Yuen, Deep Bay Road
	57.	Wong Nai Tun Tsuen hillside
North	1	Tung Fong Farm RCP, Kwu Tung
	2	Shek Tsai Ling RCP, Bor Lau Road
	3	Lion Road RCP, Tong Kung Ling
	4	Kam Tsin Ngau Tei RCP, Kam Tsin
	5	Ping Kong San Tsuen RCP, Fan Kam Road
	6	Ha Shan Kai Wat RCP, near Ping Che Road
	7	Chung Tai Bin Site, Sha Tau Kok Road

District	Serial No.	Location
	8	Lin Tong Mei RCP, Sheung Shui
	9	Lin Ma Hang Road RCP, Muk Wu Tsuen
	10	Lin Ma Hang Road RCP, Heung Yuen Tsuen
	11	Kwu Tung Tin Sum RCP
	12	Hung Kiu San Tsuen RCP
	13	Fung Kong Tsuen RCP
	14	Cheung Po Tsuen RCP (I), Man Kam To
	15	Cheung Po Tsuen RCP (II) Man Kam To
	16	Tung Yuen RCP, Castle Peak Road
	17	Kam Tsin South RCP
	18	Takwuling Government Offices RCP, Ping Che Road
	19	Li Uk Tsuen RCP, Ping Che Road

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S-EFB007

Question Serial No.

S075

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

As regards the labelling of pre-packaged food for sale, 326 kinds of pre-packaged food were found in breach of the labelling requirements in 2000. Why was the number of prosecution cases in this respect accounted to 87 only?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

Depending on the nature of the breach and in particular for minor contraventions which do not have any significant impact on public health, we will normally issue a written warning. In this regard, we have issued 239 warning letters in 2000.

Signature _____

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Environmental Hygiene _____

Date _____ 24 March 2001 _____

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S-EFB008

Question Serial No.

Oral

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

For the nine toilet cleansing contracts amounting to \$82 million in value, please provide information on :

- (a) the no. of workers employed by the contractors; and
- (b) the salary paid by the contractors to the workers.

Asked by : The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

Based on the information provided by the contractors in the contracts :

- (a) about 440 employees including supervisors, workmen and drivers are employed by the contractors; and
- (b) the salary paid by the contractors to the employees varies significantly according to type of work, duration of shift and other terms of employment. For a supervisor, the average monthly salary quoted ranges from \$5,500 to \$9,500. For a static cleaner, the average monthly salary quoted ranges from \$4,500 to \$6,000.

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Question Serial No.

S034

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

What were the total value and number of contracts of newly outsourced services by type in 2000-01?

Asked by : The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

In 2000-01, seven new contracts had been awarded. Five of them were extension/renewal of previous contracts but with service requirements revised/enhanced. The contractual sum of the seven contracts amounts to \$261 million, breakdown as follows -

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>No. of Contracts</u>	<u>Total Contract Value</u> (\$ million)
Street Cleansing	6	220
Waste Collection	1	41
	<u>7</u>	<u>261</u>

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Bureau Serial No.

S-EFB010

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S035

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

Regarding the total amount of outsourced services in 2000-01, what was the number of senior, middle and junior level # civil servants required to cope with equivalent workload? What will be the expenditure of salaries and allowances if such work is undertaken by civil servants as usual?

- # Junior level posts : equivalent to posts at Master Pay Scale (MPS) Point 9 or below;
Middle level posts : equivalent to posts between MPS Point 10 and Point 33;
Senior level posts : equivalent to posts at MPS Point 34 or above.

Asked by : The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

As the 144 contracts now managed by FEHD originated at different times and some dated back to early 1990s, we cannot trace the original manpower involved at the time when the various contracts were awarded. Also, the scope of the contracts has been revised/enhanced over the years to meet changing circumstances. For these reasons, we are not able to provide the requested information.

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Question Serial No.

Oral

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environmental and Food

Question : Have the 80 hawker blackspots mentioned in the reply to Q.198 existed for a long time?
What is FEHD's time-table for eliminating all these blackspots?

Asked by : Hon Fred LI

Reply :

Of the 80 hawker blackspots, 13 have existed for less than one year and two have existed for one to three years. The remaining 65 have been in existence for over three years.

Since the establishment of the Department on 1 January 2000, we have taken intensive and sustained action against illegal hawkers at hawker blackspots, and succeeded in bringing down the number of such blackspots substantially from about 120 in early 2000 to 83 by the end of 2000. We will keep up our efforts to contain and reduce further illegal hawking activities throughout the territory. We do not consider it realistic to set a time-table for eliminating hawker blackspots.

Signature _____

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Environmental Hygiene

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S-EFB012

Question Serial No.

S058

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 154 - Government Secretariat: Environment and Food Bureau Subhead (No. & title) :
(Heads : 22,39,42,43,44,48,49,100,106)

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

In the reply to EFB136-0783, what is the scope of the consultancy studies for 2000-01?

Asked by : Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The scope of the studies commissioned in 2000-01 is as follows:

Scope of the studies	Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees \$'000	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/in progress/finished)
To develop energy consumption indicators and benchmarks for selected energy consuming groups in Hong Kong	Camp Dresser and McKee International Inc.	4,600	In progress
To study the territory-wide implementation of water-cooled air-conditioning systems for non-domestic developments in Hong Kong	Parsons Brinckhoff (Asia) Ltd.	9,000	In progress
To study the implementation of a district cooling system at the South East Kowloon Development	Ove Arup and Partners HK Ltd.	5,000	In progress
To study the potential applications of renewable energy in Hong Kong	Camp Dresser and McKee International Inc.	4,900	In progress
To establish an updated baseline of marine benthic communities in Hong Kong for assessment of impacts of development projects on marine benthic ecology and for the protection of coastal marine environment	Centre for Coastal Pollution and Conservation, City University of Hong Kong	3,850	In progress

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S-EFB013

Question Serial No.

S018

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 154 - Government Secretariat: Environment & Food Bureau
Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (3) Environmental Protection and Conservation

Controlling Officer : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

- (a) In the estimated expenditure for 2001-02, what is the total expenditure on the handling of domestic waste?
- (b) In the estimated expenditure for 2001-02, what is the total expenditure on handling of domestic waste, excluding construction and demolition materials?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) & (b) In the estimated expenditure for 2001-02, the total expenditure on the handling of domestic waste in the Environment and Food Bureau is \$1.57 million. Domestic waste does not comprise construction and demolition materials.

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Mrs Lily Yam

Post Title

Secretary for the Environment and Food

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Question Serial No.

S019

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 154 - Government Secretariat: Environment & Food Bureau Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (3) Environmental Protection and Conservation

Controlling Officer : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

- (a) Of the total expenditure on handling of domestic waste, what is the respective financial commitment of each department concerned?
- (b) Of the total expenditure on handling of domestic waste, excluding construction and demolition materials, what is the respective financial commitment of each department concerned?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) & (b) The financial commitments of the Environmental Protection Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on handling domestic waste are \$646.9 million and \$502.7 million respectively. Domestic waste does not comprise construction and demolition materials.

Signature

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Secretary for the Environment and Food

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Bureau Serial No.

S-EFB015

Question Serial No.

S045

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 154 - Government Secretariat: Environment & Food Bureau Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Environmental Protection and Conservation

Controlling Officer : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

- (a) In the estimated expenditure for 2001-02, how many staff members will be involved in the handling of domestic waste?
- (b) Of the expenditure on handling of domestic waste, how many staff members will be involved in discharging the duty in each department concerned?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) In 2001-02, 2.3 staff members in the Environment and Food Bureau will be involved in the handling of domestic waste.
- (b) In 2001-02, 1 678 and 82.4 staff members will be involved in the handling of domestic waste in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Environmental Protection Department respectively.

Signature

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Secretary for the Environment and Food

Date

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Bureau Serial No.

S-EFB016

Question Serial No.

S046

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 154 - Government Secretariat: Environment and Food Bureau Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Environmental Protection and Conservation

Controlling Officer : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for the Environment and Food

Question :

- (a) In the estimated expenditure for 2001-02, how many staff members will be involved in the handling of domestic waste, excluding construction and demolition materials?
- (b) Of the total expenditure on handling of domestic waste, excluding construction and demolition materials, how many staff members will be involved in discharging the duty in each department concerned?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) In 2001-02, 2.3 staff members in the Environment and Food Bureau will be responsible for the handling of domestic waste. Domestic waste does not comprise construction and demolition materials.
- (b) In 2001-02, 1 678 and 82.4 staff members will be involved in the handling of domestic waste in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Environmental Protection Department respectively.

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