

Supplementary Information on

FCR(2009-10)38 : Measures to step up Environmental Hygiene
in the Fight against Human Swine Influenza

for the Finance Committee Meeting on 10 July 2009

As requested by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, supplementary information on the above funding proposal is appended below:

2. The funding proposal aims to provide additional resources for the Drainage Services Department (DSD), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Home Affairs Department (HAD), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Marine Department (MD) to implement a number of initiatives to step up environmental hygiene measures as well as the relevant public education and publicity work in the fight against human swine influenza (HSI), lasting for about 12 months. Among them, the estimated number of jobs to be created by DSD, FEHD, HAD, LCSD, AFCD and MD (the relevant information was also provided to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 30 June 2009) and the relevant breakdown are set out below:

Department	Estimated number of jobs to be created
<p>DSD: Additional cleansing of underground drains and sewers</p> <p>- Appointing contractors to carry out additional cleansing of about 100 kilometres of underground drains and sewers</p>	<p>The estimated number of jobs to be created is 36, including 30 drainage cleansing workers and 6 Non-Civil Service Contract Works Supervisors (Civil).</p>
<p>FEHD: Special improvement in environmental hygiene to combat human swine influenza</p>	<p>The estimated number of jobs to be created is 558, including 510 cleansing workers and 48 foremen cum</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing cleansing and disinfection services in public markets - Enhancing street washing services - Enhancing cleansing services for aqua privies and public toilets - One-off clean-up services to common areas of private buildings without management bodies - Enhancing the clean-up of environmental hygiene blackspots and sustaining the enhanced level of public cleansing services - Publicity and educational programmes on personal, domestic and environmental hygiene 	<p>drivers.</p>
<p>HAD: Environmental hygiene improvement and community involvement projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleansing work in the community - Promotional activities 	<p>The estimated number of jobs to be created is about 230. Among them, about 70 full-time temporary jobs (40 Community Organisers, 10 Project Assistants, 4 Project Coordinators and 16 Project Executives) will be required within the department to support the administrative work and assist in organising and implementing community involvement events.</p> <p>Besides, non-government organizations (NGOs) and contractors will also be engaged by HAD as necessary in implementing these projects (e.g. providing cleansing services and organizing activities), with an estimated 160 full-time</p>

	temporary jobs. The breakdown is yet to be confirmed depending on the details of projects to be implemented by districts.
<p>LCSD: Strengthening cleansing and disinfection services and promoting human swine influenza precautionary measures in leisure and cultural venues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening cleansing and disinfection services - Promoting human swine influenza precautionary measures in leisure and cultural venues 	The estimated number of jobs to be created is 300, including 194 cleansing workers and 106 Health Ambassadors.
<p>AFCD: Additional cleansing of country park facilities and enhancing hygiene of government wholesale food markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional cleansing of country park facilities - Enhancing hygiene of government wholesale food markets 	The estimated number of jobs to be created is 29, including 19 cleansing workers and 10 technical workers.
<p>MD: Additional cleansing services to cross-boundary ferry terminals, marine refuse collection points and other concerned water areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional cleansing service to cross-boundary ferry terminals - Additional marine refuse collection and cleansing work 	The estimated number of jobs to be created is 42, all are cleansing workers.

3. For SWD, the department will provide additional allocation of \$95 million for some 1 800 welfare service units, including residential as well as day welfare service units, to strengthen general cleansing service and

enhance environmental hygiene. This initiative will last for 12 months approximately. As NGOs will be allowed flexibility to either hire cleansing service or employ additional part-time or temporary cleansing workers, the number of new jobs to be created could not be estimated precisely. The concerned NGOs will be requested to submit two performance reports in January and September 2010 respectively, providing information including their hiring of cleansing service or employment of part-time or temporary cleansing staff and the work progress. Such information, including the number of jobs so created, can only be collated upon the implementation of this initiative.

4. The majority of the proposed funding will be for wages, while the remaining will be for purchasing consumables such as cleansing materials and personal protective equipment items, preparing for promotion materials and organising promotion activities. As the relevant breakdown and contract arrangements are yet to be confirmed depending on the details of each initiative, the total wages could not be estimated precisely. In order to keep Members informed of the implementation progress of each initiative, we will submit a progress report (covering more detailed information in this regard) to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene nine months after the relevant funding proposal is approved by the Finance Committee.

5. Besides, as stated in the FCai, where outsourced contracts are involved, to protect the interest of the workers, relevant government departments will require the contractors to specify in their proposals the wages and working hours of their staff, in accordance with existing guidelines on the engagement and monitoring of government service contracts. Departments concerned will monitor closely contract compliance by contractors and follow up on any complaints, and will also require the contractors to provide adequate protective gears, such as face masks and gloves, to the workers to ensure work safety. NGOs involved in implementing any of the above measures would be requested to adopt similar measures when they hire contractors for cleansing services.