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Dear Ms. Jan,

Public Accounts Committee
Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 75
Government's efforts in tackling shoreline refuse

I refer to your letter of 30 March 2021 under reference. Please find the requested information set out in the following table:

Part 3: Clean-up actions by Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)

Item	Content
(a)	<p>(i) The case quoted at the hearing was an example of deduction of monthly payment payable to a cleansing contractor resulting from no service on scheduled cleansing day and failure to provide prompt replacement, according to contract provisions. Such cases are very rare. Please see Appendix for detail of the case, the formula for calculation of the deducted amount and the amount deducted.</p> <p>(ii) The contracts require contractors to keep daily attendance records of the cleaners. To enhance deterrent effect against possible provision of false attendance record by the contractor, AFCD is considering adding a condition that specifies that willful provision of false attendance record may result in a breach of a term of the contract.</p>

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(b)	Regarding the arrangement of regular spot-checks on the quantity of refuse reported by the contractors, AFCD would arrange staff to conduct test counting on the number of bags collected (before the cleaners leave the marine park/reserve or at the refuse disposal point, depending on the weather and site conditions) on regular basis (at least twice per year for each contract). They would count the number of bags of refuse collected by the cleaners and measure the weight of individual bags of refuse with spring scale, and then use such test counting figures to verify the quantity of marine refuse reported by the contractors.

Yours sincerely,





(Jackie YIP)

for Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

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c.c. Director of Environmental Protection (Attn: Mr. C. K. CHEN)

Details of the case quoted at the public hearing

Date	Location	Records of inspection and follow-up actions	Deduction amount and calculation formula	Relevant photos
12-14 February 2021	Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park, main beach	<p>Inspection records indicated that the cleaner was not seen during AFCD's inspections on 13 and 14 February 2021. AFCD staff also found many bags of refuse left around the rubbish bin on the main beach on 14 February.</p> <p>AFCD staff followed up with the management of the contractor and confirmed a shortage of cleansing services for 3 days (12-14 February 2021), due to misunderstanding between the contractor management and the cleaner. No replacing cleansing service could be arranged within February 2021.</p>	<p>The amount deducted was calculated based on the following formula as specified in the contract:</p> $\frac{\text{Monthly Payment}}{\text{Total working Man-hour of the month}} \times \text{Duration of absence (in hours) of Cleaners} \times \text{No. of absent Cleaners}$ <p>Amount deducted = HK\$ 2,249</p>	 <p>Many bags of refuse were seen left around the rubbish bin during AFCD's inspection on 14 February 2021</p>  <p>Refuse cleared as recorded during AFCD's inspection on 15 February 2021. No further abnormalities on the service was found</p>