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Clerk to Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attention: Miss Josephine SO)

Dear Miss SO,

**Follow-up to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Post-Typhoon Follow-Up Efforts under the Purview of
the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

Regarding the captioned subject at the Panel meeting held on 13 November 2018, our response is as follows:

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has issued default notices against breach of the contractor's commitment in the relevant contract, e.g. failure of the contractor's staff to wear reflective vests while at work on roads. However, since FEHD's records kept are not categorised as sought in the question, we are unable to provide the required breakdown.
- (b) It is stipulated in each tender document and contract of public

cleansing services outsourced by FEHD that the contractors must provide occupational safety training and sufficient protective equipment and assistive tools and also comply with the relevant legislation, including the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509). Contractors have to fulfill such obligations to ensure occupational safety and health of their employees.

FEHD's cleansing contractors are required to provide, within the contract period, sufficient cleansing equipment, vehicles, materials and tools for the safe and effective provision of services by staff. It is also necessary for the contractors to provide all staff with uniforms, face masks, reflective vests, non-slippery shoes, caps and raincoats as well as special protective clothing required for other work.

- (c) In the aftermath of the typhoon, FEHD spared no effort in mobilising resources for removing debris and performing street cleansing services, and deployed a workforce of about 8 000 each day for follow-up work.

The Security Bureau is coordinating the review on handling super typhoons and will announce the results upon completion of the review.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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for Secretary for Food and Health

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Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene