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[English Translation]

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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,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Refurbishment of Public Toilets
Managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

Regarding the follow-up on the captioned subject at the Panel meeting held on 16 April 2019, our response is set out below.

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will roll out refurbishment or facelifting works for about 240 public toilets in the coming 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 at an estimated capital expenditure of \$600 million, and work out the list of these public toilets with regard to their maintenance conditions and level of utilisation. FEHD plans to commence refurbishment or facelifting works for about 40 public toilets in 2019-20. Further details such as the location, geographical distribution, as well as the estimated cost of the works of these toilets will be available later.

FEHD and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) will finalise the design and materials having regard to the scope and planning of individual public toilet works. ArchSD will then draw up the technical schedule, specifications and requirements for various works in the tender documents.

- (b) At present, 231 public toilets managed by FEHD are provided with attendant rooms, and 128 of them are provided with at least one attendant room of 3 square metres or above. Generally speaking, attendant rooms are provided with power sockets, lighting, oscillating fans and rest areas. FEHD will as far as possible make available attendant rooms and improve facilities for toilet attendants when the public toilets are refurbished. Lockers, exhaust fans, power sockets, oscillating fans and lighting will be installed in attendant rooms where facilities for the attendants to take rest and change clothes will also be provided.
- (c) Public toilet cleansing service is covered in street cleansing service of FEHD's street cleansing contractors. The follow-up actions taken by FEHD against non-compliance or default by street cleansing contractors in the past 3 years (from 2016 to 2018) are set out at **Annex**. FEHD does not maintain a breakdown by public toilet service.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

(Gilford LAW)

for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

**Follow-up Actions Taken by FEHD against
Non-compliance or Default by Street Cleansing Contractors**

	2016	2017	2018
No. of verbal warnings issued	2 624	1 990	2 567
No. of written warnings issued	84	74	490
No. of default notices issued	790	913	1 241
Amount of monthly service charge payments deducted (\$ million)	1.312	1.828	2.952