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Question:

How many cases of work injury concerning cleansing workers hired under cleansing service contracts did the Leisure and Cultural Services Department receive in each of the past five years? What were the parts of body injured and causes of injury? Please provide the details of the follow-up by the Government on such cases. If there was no follow-up, please provide the reasons. If no statistics have been kept on the report of work injury, what are the reasons? Will such statistics be provided in future?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 282)

Reply:

Information on the report of work injury concerning cleansing workers hired under cleansing service contracts received at venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) between 2010 and 2015 is tabulated below:

Year	Number of Reported Cases of Work Injury Concerning Cleansing Workers*	Parts of Body Injured	Causes of Injury
2010	48	Head, limbs, chest, waist, back, abdomen and hip	Fall, abrasion, strain, sprain, contusion, trapping, puncture, scratch, bite, laceration and cut, crushing, spillage, assault, feeling sick upon contact with cleaning agents, burn and faint, etc.
2011	28		
2012	39		
2013	56		
2014	73		
2015	101		

(*Remark: There were no fatal cases.)

The LCSD venue management/duty officers will carry out post-accident investigations. Moreover, the officers will, through daily contact at work and meetings with the contractors, urge them and their employees to be mindful of workplace safety as required under the contracts. In case of any non-compliance with contract provisions by contractors, the venue management may give verbal advice or issue advisory letters to the contractors. For

severe cases, default notices will be issued and liquidated damages will be claimed in accordance with the contract. Where necessary, the venue management will assess the work procedures and environmental safety of individual venues to make appropriate remedies and devise reasonably practicable preventive and improvement measures. Besides, the venue management will conduct monthly assessments on the performance of the contractors to ensure that they meet the contract requirements and comply with all the contract provisions, including those on occupational safety.

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