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Question:

How does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department supervise the performance of a cleansing service contractor in complying with the requirements under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance and the service performance requirements under the contract? Will regular and surprise inspections and visits to workers be conducted? If so, please provide a breakdown of the regular and surprise inspections and visits to workers in the past five years and specify the ranks of staff responsible for performing such work.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 285)

Reply:

Apart from stipulating in the contract terms and conditions that contractors should comply with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (the Ordinance), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has also issued guidelines to the venue management, requiring them to make sure that the contractors observe the Ordinance by providing safety and health protection to workers in workplaces and so far as reasonably practicable, ensuring the safety and health of their employees at work. The guidelines also list out briefly the obligations of the contractors under the Ordinance, including the provision of a safe working environment, proper training, safe equipment/tools, and other necessary protective measures etc.

The LCSD venue management/duty officers will monitor the contractors' compliance with the requirements under the Ordinance during the provision of service. They will ensure that the cleansing work meets the contract requirements which includes, conducting regular and surprise safety inspections on all cleansing work done by the contractors, holding work meetings, investigating into work injury cases, handling of complaints and keeping routine contacts with workers. 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.

Inspections are part of the contract management routines and they are generally carried out by the venue management/duty officers. Detailed statistics on inspections concerning occupational safety and health are not readily available.

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