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Question:

Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) prescribe any requirements in each cleansing service tender and contract signed for the provision of occupational safety training, the quantity of protective equipment, ancillary tools, changing facilities and drinking water supply? If so, what are the details and how are the service contractors monitored on their compliance with the requirements? Will any inspections be conducted? Which ranks of staff will conduct the inspections? If no such requirements are prescribed, what are the reasons? Will the LCSD review or look into the matter and make such arrangements in future?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 290)

Reply:

It is stipulated in all cleansing service contracts of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department that contractors should comply with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance. The contract provisions also stipulate that the contractors should provide suitable safety equipment and tools such as pails, ladders, uniforms and all other necessary materials or equipment, which should be kept in good and effective operational conditions, while special or protective clothing and shoes should be provided to their staff as actual operational needs arise. The contractors should, in submitting their tenders, include a management plan covering the training programmes for their staff and measures to ensure their staff's compliance with safety regulations while performing duties for evaluation by the Government. The management plan will then form part of the contract to be executed and will be legally binding.

Suitable areas will normally be provided in venues for outsourced workers to rest and place lockers, kettles, refrigerators, microwave ovens and other facilities etc. If space is limited, the outsourced workers will share the facilities with venue staff. Outsourced workers may use designated toilets or other suitable areas for changing clothes purpose.

The venue management/duty officers will, during the contract service period, conduct regular and surprise inspections and through the holding of work meetings, handling of complaints and keeping routine contacts with workers to monitor the contractors' effective compliance with all requirements stipulated in the contract terms and conditions including the compliance with occupational safety and health requirements for the cleansing work performed by the outsourced workers.

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