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Question:

The Government revised the guidelines in last year on tendering procedures for outsourcing of services. It is prescribed that when a marking scheme is adopted for tender evaluation of outsourcing services that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers, the procuring department should include in the assessment criteria the evaluation of the tenderers' proposed wage rates and working hours for non-skilled workers. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Did the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) revise the assessment criteria on wage rates and working hours for outsourced service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers after the implementation of the new guidelines? What are the revisions made? If no relevant information is available, what are the reasons?
2. How many outsourced service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers have been awarded by the LCSD after the implementation of the guidelines? Of these contracts, how many are cleansing service contracts and how many are security service contracts?
3. Has there been any increase in the average wages for outsourced service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers after the implementation of the guidelines? If so, what is the number of contracts that have shown an increase in wages? If no relevant information is available, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No.15)

Reply:

- 1.&3. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been adopting a marking scheme for tender evaluation with the assessment criteria of the wage rates and working hours for non-skilled workers even before the implementation of the Government's service-wide guidelines. As the above practice already

meets the requirements of the guidelines, there is no need to revise the assessment criteria and hence the Department does not have information on changes in the average wages after the implementation of the guidelines.

2. The duration of the LCSD's major service contracts normally lasts for 2 to 3 years. The number of major service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of outsourced non-skilled workers awarded by the LCSD in 2016 is as follows:

Nature of Service	Number of Contracts
1. Cleansing	20
2. Security	19
3. Horticultural Maintenance	1
4. Venue Management	8
Total	48

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