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Question:

It is indicated in HAB192 that this year's monthly wages of non-skilled workers in the outsourced service contracts remain low in the range of \$8,060 to \$9,920, same as last year. However, the salary of civil servants remunerated on the Model Scale 1 Pay Scale has increased by at least 4.7% to the range of \$12,115 to \$15,775. According to a survey by the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, wage level accounts for only 10% to 20% of the technical score, which translates to a mere 3% to 6% of the entire contract. It does little to help raise wages for outsourced workers. In this connection, does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have plans to further increase the weighting of wage level in tender evaluation so as to raise wages for outsourced workers?

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Reply:

In line with the Government's procurement procedures, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) adopts a transparent, open and fair competition tendering approach with marking scheme to evaluate the technical and price aspects of tenders and awards contract to the tender that delivers quality as well as economic efficiency. LCSD has been adopting a marking scheme for tender evaluation with the assessment criteria of wage level and working hours for non-skilled workers. As the outsourcing service tenders of the Department are operating smoothly, there is no plan at this stage to increase the technical weighting in the marking scheme. LCSD will, however, review the arrangement in a timely manner with reference to the Government's relevant policies and financial status.

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