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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 5 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, what are 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: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4054)

Reply:

Information on the reported work injury cases concerning outsourced cleansing workers received at venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 5 years is tabulated below –

Year	Number of Reported Work Injury Cases Concerning Cleansing Workers*	Parts of Body Injured	Causes of Injury
2013	56	Head, neck, limbs, chest, waist, back, abdomen, hips and shoulder	Fall, abrasion, strain, sprain, contusion, trapping, puncture, scratch, bite, laceration and cut, crushing, spillage, assault, feeling sick upon contact with cleaning agents, burn, faint, hit by ball, bee sting, heat stroke, slip and fracture
2014	73		
2015	101		
2016	103		
2017	97		

*Remark: There were no fatal cases.

The LCSD venue management/duty officers will carry out investigations into reported work injury cases. By conducting regular and surprise inspections, holding work meetings with contractors, handling complaints and keeping routine contacts with workers, the venue management officers also monitor and remind contractors and their workers to be mindful of workplace safety as required under the contracts. In case of any non-compliance with contract provisions by contractors, the respective venue management officers may give verbal advice or issue advisory letters to the contractors. For severe cases, default notices will be issued and follow-up actions will be taken as appropriate. If necessary, the venue management officers will assess the work procedures and environmental safety of individual venues to make appropriate remedies and devise reasonably practicable preventive and improvement measures.

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