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Question:

How does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department monitor 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 5 years and specify the ranks of staff responsible for performing such duties.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4055)

Reply:

Apart from stipulating in the contract terms and conditions that contractors shall comply with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (the Ordinance), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has issued guidelines to the venue management officers, requiring them to make sure that the contractors observe the Ordinance by providing the safety and health protection for workers in workplaces, and so far as reasonably practicable, ensure 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 and safe equipment/tools, adoption of other necessary protective measures, etc.

The LCSD venue management officers will monitor the contractors' compliance with relevant requirements under the Ordinance and their service performance during the contract service period. They will ensure that the cleansing work meets the contractual requirements by, among others, conducting regular and surprise safety inspections on all cleansing work performed by the contractors, holding work meetings, investigating into work injury cases, handling complaints and keeping routine contacts with workers. Where necessary, the venue management officers will assess the work procedures and environmental safety of individual venues to make appropriate remedies and devise practicable preventive and improvement measures.

Inspections are generally carried out by the venue management officers. Since such duties are part of their daily routines, detailed statistics on specific inspection work are not readily available.

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