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Question:

How many cases of work injury concerning outsourced non-skilled cleansing workers did the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) receive in each of the past 5 years? What were the parts of body injured and causes of injury? Please provide 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? Has the LCSD considered providing additional manpower to oversee the occupational safety and health of the outsourced workers?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7125)

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
2014	73	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
2015	101		
2016	103		
2017	97		
2018	128		

*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/duty officers also monitor and remind contractors and their workers to be mindful of work 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.

It is part of the venue management officers' routine duties to monitor contractors' performance and oversee the occupational safety and health of outsourced workers and this arrangement has been running effectively. The LCSD therefore has no plans for providing additional manpower for this task at the moment.

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