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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

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## Question:

There is an acute shortage of anti-epidemic supplies on the market against the spread of novel coronavirus pneumonia. As the outsourced cleansing workers of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are responsible for maintaining the hygiene of public recreational facilities, the adequacy of their protective equipment is of much concern. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Whether it is prescribed in detail the types and quantities of protective equipment including head gear, gloves, goggles, face masks, N95 goggles, plastic aprons, rubber boots, sleeve covers, rubber gloves and work gloves to be provided by the contractors to non-skilled workers in each cleansing service tender and service contract signed, and whether the contractors are required on stock quantities of and the duration covered by such protective equipment?
- (b) In 2019, how many verbal warnings, written warnings, default notices, deduction of monthly service fee notices and demerit points were issued by the LCSD to its non-skilled service contractors due to violation of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance and requirements for provision of equipment to workers under outsourced service contracts (such as not providing face masks, goggles, protective clothing, etc., during the infection control period)?

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 74)

### Reply:

(a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) attaches great importance to the occupational safety and health arrangements for outsourced cleansing workers. It is stipulated in all cleansing service contracts that contractors should comply with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance. The contract provisions also stipulate that contractors should provide their cleansing workers with adequate, effective and suitable personal protective equipment (such as surgical face masks, rubber gloves and other protective clothing) and safety training, and make appropriate work arrangements etc. to ensure their occupational safety and health.

(b) In 2019, no verbal warnings, written warnings, default notices, deduction of monthly service fee notices and demerit points were issued by the LCSD to its non-skilled service contractors due to violation of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance and contract terms (such as not providing face masks, goggles, protective clothing, etc., during the infection control period). If venue management officers of the LCSD discover that contractors have violated the guidelines or contract requirements, they will take follow-up actions as appropriate and refer the cases to the Labour Department for follow-up.