

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

When deciding the construction of public toilets, will the Government consider factors such as distance, population covered, amount involved or other criteria?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

In planning for the provision of public toilets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will consider a number of factors, one of which is the need for new public toilets, for examples, the number of toilets available nearby (including toilets provided by other government departments and the private sector) for use by the public and tourists, the estimated number of users of new public toilets, and whether the current situation can be improved by the provision of new public toilets. Another factor is the feasibility of providing new public toilets, for examples, the availability of suitable government land at the proposed location, environmental or technical constraints (including the impact of toilet facilities on the surrounding environment), electricity and water supply, etc.. Other considerations for the provision of new public toilets, including the resources required and the views of nearby residents, local communities and District Councils, will also be taken into account.

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