

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department provides free Hygiene Supervisor Training Courses (Training Courses) to assist food premises in meeting the requirements of the Hygiene Manager and Hygiene Supervisor Scheme. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) (i) the number of Training Courses provided by the Department; (ii) the number of persons enrolling in the Training Courses; (iii) the number of persons who have successfully completed a Training Course; and (iv) the relevant expenditure in each of the past 3 years;
- (b) the percentage of civil servants among the trainers of the Training Courses provided by the Department, and the appointment status of other trainers (if any) and their percentage in the past year; and
- (c) the reason(s) why, as suggested by the information on the Department's webpage, among the "institutes offering courses for Hygiene Supervisors", only 3 are still offering the courses, while another 3 have stopped running and 1 is currently not running such courses.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-yan, Joephy (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

- (a) (i) The number of Hygiene Supervisor Training Courses (Training Courses) provided, (ii) the number of persons enrolling in the Training Courses, (iii) the number of persons who have successfully completed a Training Course and (iv) the relevant expenditure in each of the past 3 years are as follows:

	(i) Number of Training Courses provided	(ii) Number of persons enrolling and attending the Training Courses	(iii) Number of persons who have successfully completed a Training Course	(iv) Relevant Expenditure (\$ million)
2023	104	4 877	4 391	1.15
2024	103	4 882	4 475	1.22
2025	101	4 783	4 339	1.14

- (b) The Training Courses provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department have all along been delivered by professional institutes commissioned through outsourced contracts. Under the contracts, trainers employed by the contractors must possess relevant academic and professional qualifications in food safety and hygiene. No trainer is appointed on civil service terms.
- (c) Apart from the Training Courses provided by the Department, 7 local institutes have offered relevant courses before. However, some of these institutes have stopped running the courses owing to the enrolment situation or because of unavailability of trainers to conduct the courses. Currently, 3 institutes, namely (i) Vocational Training Council, (ii) School of Continuing and Professional Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and (iii) The Hong Kong Management Association, are still offering the courses.

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