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Question:

1. In May 2018, the Government revised the guidelines on government service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers. Under the guidelines, in the marking scheme for assessing tenders adopted by a department, the part on technical evaluation should include by default the proposed wage rates and working hours of non-skilled workers as the assessment criteria. As far as the Lands Department (LandsD) is concerned, what are the respective weightings for the price and technical aspects in the existing assessment mechanism for service contracts involving non-skilled workers? In addition, what are the weightings assigned to such items as wage rate, working hours, other labour rights and benefits in the technical evaluation of service contracts involving non-skilled workers? What weightings do these items carry respectively in the overall score?
2. Further to the above, how many government outsourced service contracts involving non-skilled workers have been awarded by LandsD in total since the implementation of the guidelines (up till now)? What are the respective numbers of these contracts that involve street cleansing services, management of public toilets, waste collection, collection of recyclable materials and security services?
3. Further to the above, since the implementation of the guidelines (up till now), has the Government compiled any statistics on the number of outsourced service contracts successfully awarded under which the non-skilled workers are entitled to higher wage rates than before? If yes, please state the number; if no, what are the reasons? Will the Government consider evaluating the effectiveness of the new assessment mechanism?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7026)

Reply:

For the period from the last revision of guidelines on government service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers, marking schemes for procurement of non-skilled worker contracts, which is not a mandatory requirement within the Government, was not adopted by the Lands Department (LandsD). LandsD will consider, as far as practicable, adopting marking schemes for procurement of non-skilled worker contracts through tendering exercises in future with suitable assessment mechanism to take account of various evaluation criteria.

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