

LegCo Question No. 12

The government departments responsible for tree maintenance, the number of their staff involved and their scope of responsibilities are as follows –

Departments	Number of Staff Responsible for Tree Maintenance	Areas of Responsibilities
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)	About 800 staff are engaged in tree maintenance work. They also perform other duties, including cleansing, weeding, preventing and fighting hill fire, repairing footpaths and amenities etc.	Responsible for management of trees in country parks.
Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)	About 110 staff are responsible for tree maintenance work. Staff in various districts also provide support for routine maintenance and care of trees.	Responsible for management of trees in LCSD venues and landscaped areas along public roads other than expressways outside the boundaries of country parks.
Highways Department (HyD)	About 20 staff co-ordinate tree maintenance work.	Responsible for managing tree maintenance work on slopes, retaining walls and expressways under HyD.
Housing Department	About 31 staff co-ordinate tree maintenance work. Frontline management staff in 160 housing estates also provide assistance.	Responsible for management of trees in public housing estates.
Architectural Services Department (ArchSD)	About 8 staff responsible for slope maintenance also co-ordinate tree maintenance work.	Responsible for management of trees on slopes maintained by ArchSD.
Drainage Services Department	About 16 staff co-ordinate tree maintenance work.	Responsible for management of trees within drainage facilities.
Water Supplies Department	About 13 staff co-ordinate tree maintenance work.	Responsible for management of trees within waterworks facilities.

Note: Lands Department carries out ad-hoc maintenance of trees (i.e. tree pruning or removal of broken branches upon complaints and referrals) on unallocated Government land not maintained by other departments. About 16 staff co-ordinate such work.