

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

Please give a breakdown by district of the total number of complaints about on-street used clothes collection cages received by the Department in 2005, 2006 and 2007. How many unauthorized collection cages were removed? What was the annual expenditure on following up these complaints? How much resources will be earmarked for handling these complaints in 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply:

The number of complaints received in respect of on-street used clothes collection cages and the number of such cages removed by the Department in 2005, 2006 and 2007 are as follows –

District	2005		2006		2007	
	Number of complaints received	Number of cages removed	Number of complaints received	Number of cages removed	Number of complaints received	Number of cages removed
Central/Western	42	2	93	60	1	2
Wanchai	15	1	17	28	3	4
Eastern	24	9	83	82	7	6
Southern	7	0	3	35	0	0
Islands	0	0	10	14	0	0
Yau Tsim	1	0	1	2	1	1
Mongkok	9	0	102	61	27	21

District	2005		2006		2007	
	Number of complaints received	Number of cages removed	Number of complaints received	Number of cages removed	Number of complaints received	Number of cages removed
Sham Shui Po	21	2	103	96	12	8
Kowloon City	18	1	12	62	14	18
Wong Tai Sin	29	0	62	75	70	52
Kwun Tong	10	0	13	12	11	9
Kwai Tsing	24	1	82	141	89	79
Tsuen Wan	9	0	19	43	15	6
Tuen Mun	14	0	9	21	13	13
Yuen Long	8	0	24	38	3	0
North	2	0	10	8	1	3
Tai Po	13	3	1	19	0	2
Sha Tin	24	2	6	13	0	1
Sai Kung	3	0	1	37	3	4
Total	273	21	651	847	270	229

There is no breakdown of expenditure incurred for handling these complaints as it is subsumed in the recurrent expenditure for providing cleansing services. We will continue to handle these complaints by deployment of resources from existing allocation.

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