

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

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Question:

The aim under paragraph 6 is to provide quality environmental hygiene services and facilities. Regarding the Department's efforts to deal with the problem of "refuse flats" in the community, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of cases received by the Department involving "refuse flats" in private buildings in 2008, 2009 and 2010, as well as the number of cases completed, pending action and not processed; and
- (b) the time taken by the Department in handling the cases involving "refuse flats" in private buildings in 2008, 2009 and 2010, including the longest, the shortest and the average time taken, and the justifications for the length of time taken.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) In 2008, 2009 and 2010, the Department received 5, 11 and 1 cases of "refuse flats" in private buildings respectively. All cases were completed except the one received in 2010.
- (b) We do not keep statistics on the time taken for completing "refuse flat" cases.

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