

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the hygiene blackspots, please advise on:

- (a) the number of complaints received in respect of hygiene blackspots in the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11);
- (b) the number of hygiene blackspots identified by the Department in 2010-11; the respective number of blackspots in public places and those in private premises which have been tackled with the assistance of the Department; the total number of these blackspots tackled and the expenditure involved; and
- (c) the plans for dealing with hygiene blackspots in the coming year (i.e. in 2011-12) and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

(a) and (b): Following the outbreak of Human Swine Influenza in May 2009, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), in consultation with District Councils, had identified 105 hygiene blackspots in the territory for enhanced clean-up operations and they were all located in public places. These blackspots had been eradicated by the end of February 2010. The number of complaints received in respect of these locations in 2009 and 2010 were 6 920 and 7 500 respectively. In addition, the Department provided one-off cleansing service to 5 008 old tenement buildings without management bodies. The expenditure for the enhanced services was about \$38.2 million.

(c): The Department will continue to upkeep the cleanliness and hygiene condition of these locations by utilizing the existing resources. The Department's estimated expenditure on public cleansing services in 2011-12 is \$1,819 million.

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