

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department      Subhead (No. & title):

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Question:

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, but no further action has been taken by the Department to follow up on the conditions of these blackspots after the operations. In this connection, please advise whether consideration has been given to putting in place a hygiene blackspots reporting mechanism in which the Department will be required to draw up a performance pledge for cleaning up hygiene blackspots within a specified time frame after receipt of reports from the public.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

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. These blackspots were all eradicated by February 2010. Since then, the Department has been closely monitoring the cleanliness and hygiene condition of these spots, and stepped up clean-up operation and enforcement action as necessary. According to the performance pledge of the Department, staff of the Department will carry out investigation within 6 working days from receipt of a complaint about environmental nuisance and pest infestation.

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