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Question:

The indicator for “refuse collected” increased from 1 882 299 tonnes in 2011 to 1 930 863 tonnes in 2012. Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the reasons for the increase in tonnage;
- (b) the expenditure on refuse collection in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13); and
- (c) the amount of refuse collected in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2008 to 2012), with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The volume of refuse collected in a year depends on a number of factors, which may include population size, life style of the general public, and the amount of refuse collected for recycling purposes.
- (b) The required figures are as follows –

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Recurrent expenditure of refuse collection (\$ million)	378.8	378.2	377.8	405.4	422.5

- (c) The required figures are as follows –

District	Refuse Collected (in tonnes)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Central & Western	96 834	92 341	94 918	92 627	93 936

District	Refuse Collected (in tonnes)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Eastern	129 400	133 150	133 416	135 398	129 276
Southern	79 549	74 446	78 060	76 327	78 456
Wan Chai	85 374	83 501	80 451	79 215	75 803
Islands	46 383	47 119	48 394	46 754	48 656
Kowloon City	89 315	90 049	92 392	90 037	90 405
Kwun Tong	126 835	132 717	135 173	132 017	137 810
Wong Tai Sin	94 369	94 627	93 747	89 388	92 361
Sham Shui Po	103 754	102 479	100 341	96 456	105 983
Mong Kok	89 242	89 920	91 053	88 913	90 939
Yau Tsim	79 602	77 769	82 477	81 937	84 848
Sai Kung	98 211	98 080	101 367	100 603	103 875
Sha Tin	132 486	136 179	136 510	132 865	131 431
Tai Po	74 772	76 655	75 647	72 105	75 369
North	79 899	88 157	89 036	86 657	90 024
Kwai Tsing	109 555	110 514	111 883	109 156	112 373
Tsuen Wan	81 481	83 224	83 348	79 852	82 933
Tuen Mun	125 078	128 373	134 911	119 811	120 260
Yuen Long	166 267	168 180	171 688	172 181	186 125
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 888 406</b>	<b>1 907 480</b>	<b>1 934 812</b>	<b>1 882 299</b>	<b>1 930 863</b>

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