

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)224****(Question Serial No. 3713)**

**Head:** (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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**Programme:** (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

**Controlling Officer:** Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Food and Health

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Question (Member Question No. 214):

Regarding the provision of litter bins and recycle bins in public areas by the Department, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) the number of litter bins and recycle bins in each of the 18 administrative districts over the past three years; and
- (b) whether the Department will allocate additional resources to provide more recycle bins in public areas or replace some of the litter bins currently in use by recycle bins in 2014-15; if yes, the specific details and the estimated expenditure to be involved; if not, the reason(s).

**Asked by:** Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

**Reply:**

- (a) Information on the number of litter containers (LCs) and recyclables collection bins (RCBs) provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in the 18 administrative districts is given below –

Districts	2011		2012		2013	
	LCs	RCBs	LCs	RCBs	LCs	RCBs
Eastern	1 004	67	998	69	998	69
Wanchai	1 216	93	1 216	94	1 216	94
Central & Western	1 592	141	1 607	144	1 607	146
Southern	747	62	747	67	699	71
Islands	741	120	988	124	951	130
Kowloon City	1 260	64	1 044	68	960	68
Kwun Tong	1 162	46	1 168	47	1 019	46
Sham Shui Po	1 103	57	1 070	57	1 068	57
Wong Tai Sin	768	38	731	38	729	38
Yau Tsim Mong	1 605	124	1 605	125	1 608	128
Tai Po	1 225	127	1 350	131	1 350	159
North	717	186	690	187	730	185
Yuen Long	1 357	238	1 376	237	1 445	240

Tuen Mun	952	103	952	103	994	102
Sai Kung	1 421	215	1 492	219	1 492	201
Sha Tin	2 268	103	2 268	104	2 233	105
Kwai Tsing	998	57	1 001	57	1 001	57
Tsuen Wan	811	92	813	93	816	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 947</b>	<b>1 933</b>	<b>21 116</b>	<b>1 964</b>	<b>20 916</b>	<b>1 991</b>

Notes

- (i) LCs are provided for collection of ordinary street litter.
- (ii) RCBs are provided in a set of three to four bins for collection of waste paper, metal and plastic materials.

- (b) The Department's primary role in waste collection is to maintain environmental hygiene. In 2014-15, we will continue to support the "Hong Kong: Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022" of the Environment Bureau in reducing municipal solid waste. The Department will continue to review the number and location of LCs and RCBs placed in public places, and will adjust their location and number where appropriate. The estimated expenditure on street cleansing service and waste collection service in 2014-15 is \$1,772.8 million and \$484 million respectively. Separate breakdown showing the expenditure on the provision of LCs and RCBs is not available.