

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the Government will implement a charging scheme for household waste (the scheme) in 2017-18, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) the approximate total number of public litter containers placed on streets in the past 3 years;
- (b) whether the Department has any plan this year to reduce the number of public litter containers after the implementation of the scheme; and
- (c) whether the Department has earmarked any financial provision or manpower for the additional workload in this respect.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 107)

Reply:

Design and management of litter containers contribute to waste management under the policy purview of the Environment Bureau. The information sought is given below.

- (a) The number of litter containers (LCs) placed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) on streets in the past 3 years is provided in the following table:

Year	Number of LCs
2014	21 257
2015	18 017
2016	16 215

- (b) Based on the provision of LCs in 2014, the Department has proposed to reduce the number of LCs by 40% by the time when the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme is planned to take effect in 2019.
- (c) The expenditure and manpower required by the Department in 2017-18 in achieving the target reduction will be absorbed from within its existing resources.

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