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Question:

The Department is planning to reduce by phases the number of litter containers on streets to facilitate the implementation of a waste charging scheme in the future. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. the number of litter containers and recyclables collection bins (RBs) in each of the 18 districts in the territory in the past 3 years;
2. the number of prosecutions against littering-related behaviour in each of the past 3 years; and
3. whether there are any measures to prevent the abusive use of litter containers placed on streets and disposal of refuse into RBs; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 10)

Reply:

The reduction in the number of litter containers contributes to waste management under the policy purview of the Environment Bureau.

1. The number of litter containers (LCs) and RBs provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in each of the 18 districts in the territory in the past 3 years is provided below –

Districts	2015		2016		2017	
	LCs	RBs	LCs	RBs	LCs	RBs
Eastern	1 011	69	821	64	795	64
Wanchai	1 033	94	1 018	99	995	99
Central & Western	1 364	145	1 228	145	1 037	145
Southern	594	71	535	71	508	71
Islands	839	130	756	130	603	130

Districts	2015		2016		2017	
	LCs	RBs	LCs	RBs	LCs	RBs
Kowloon City	1 083	69	975	69	843	69
Kwun Tong	942	46	848	46	833	44
Sham Shui Po	765	57	689	57	677	57
Wong Tai Sin	618	38	556	38	546	38
Yau Tsim Mong	1 365	125	1 229	125	1 108	123
Tai Po	1 148	159	1 031	159	647	159
North	620	185	558	185	451	185
Yuen Long	1 231	240	1 108	240	997	240
Tuen Mun	852	102	767	102	732	102
Sai Kung	1 118	201	1 005	201	987	201
Sha Tin	1 898	104	1 709	104	1 475	104
Kwai Tsing	851	57	766	57	752	57
Tsuen Wan	685	93	616	93	605	93
Total	18 017	1 985	16 215	1 985	14 591	1 981

2. The number of fixed penalty notices against littering issued in 2015, 2016 and 2017 were 31 070, 34 221 and 39 239 respectively.
3. The Department will continue to enhance publicity and education on the proper use of LCs and RBs placed on streets, and take stringent enforcement actions against offenders for illegal disposal of waste.

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