

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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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

Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has indicated that it will continue to step up the marine refuse removal services at coastal areas under its purview. In this connection, please advise this Committee on:

- (a) the amount of marine refuse collected by the Department at coastal areas under its purview in the past 3 years, as well as the locations of the blackspots where the greatest amounts of refuse were collected;
- (b) the Department's manpower and expenditure for stepping up the removal of marine refuse at coastal areas in 2018-19.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) removes marine refuse washed ashore to coastal areas under its purview. The amounts of marine refuse collected by the Department in 2015, 2016 and 2017 were 388, 626 and 804 tonnes respectively. The coastal location where the greatest amounts of marine refuse were collected by the Department was Yam O Wan in 2015 and 2016, and Shui Hau Beach in 2017.
- (b) The Department does not keep separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure for removal of marine refuse.

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