

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:

With regard to environmental hygiene, please advise on the following:

- a. the details of water seepage cases in the territory in the past 3 years by calendar year and District Council district as per the table below.

	Total number of cases	No. of cases where the seepage was mild	No. of cases without identified source of seepage	No. of cases with identified source of seepage	No. of cases in private housing	No. of cases in housing estates under the Tenant Purchase Scheme	No. of cases where government officers were refused to enter the flat for investigation	No. of cases where investigation cannot be completed within 90 working days	No. of cases with investigation work completed	Legal expenses	Administrative expenses
2015											
2016											
2017											

- b. the data and expenses in relation to invoking the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance in the past 3 years.

	No. of nuisance notices issued	No. of nuisance orders issued	No. of prosecutions	Staffing expenses	Administrative expenses	Tender expenses (if any)	Logistics expenses
2015							
2016							
2017							

c. the data and expenses in relation to investigations of source of seepage using infrared camera and microwave tomography scanning device on a trial basis in the past 3 years.

	Total no. of cases	No. of cases where the seepage was mild	No. of cases without identified source of seepage	No. of cases with identified source of seepage	No. of cases in private housing	No. of cases in housing estates under the Tenant Purchase Scheme	No. of cases where government officers were refused to enter the flat for investigation	No. of cases with investigation work completed
2015								
2016								
2017								

d. the estimated expenditure involved in investigations of source of seepage using infrared camera and microwave tomography scanning device on a trial basis in the coming year.

	Tender expenses (if any)	Staffing expenses	Legal expenses	Administrative expenses
2018-19				

e. the estimated expenditure involved in handling water seepage cases in the coming year.

	Tender expenses (if any)	Staffing expenses	Legal expenses	Administrative expenses
2018-19				

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 54)

Reply:

a. Details of water seepage cases in the territory in the past 3 years sought are at Annex I.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) does not keep separate statistics on the number of water seepage cases in private housing and in housing estates under the Tenant Purchase Scheme, nor statistics on cases with investigation not completed in 90 working days. FEHD has no separate breakdown on the legal and administrative expenditure incurred in the Joint Office operation.

b. Information on the number of nuisance notices issued, nuisance orders issued and prosecutions in the past 3 years is provided in Annex II. Detailed breakdown on staffing and other expenses is not available.

- c. Information in relation to investigations of source of seepage using infrared thermography and microwave tomography scanning device in the past 3 years is provided in Annex III. FEHD does not keep separate statistics on the number of relevant cases in private housing and in housing estates under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

- d.&e. In 2018-19, the estimated expenditure for staff provision and departmental expenses incurred by FEHD and Buildings Department (BD) for the operation of the Joint Office are \$108.1 million and \$42.0 million respectively. Separately, it is estimated that BD will spend another \$40.0 million for engaging outsourced consultants. Detailed breakdown sought is not available.

Water seepage cases in 2015

District	Total number of cases received	No. of cases screened-out ⁽¹⁾	No. of seepage cases ceased during investigation (a)	No. of cases without identified source of seepage (b)	No. of cases with identified source of seepage (c)	No. of cases with investigation work completed (a)+(b)+(c)	No. of cases where government officers were refused to enter the flat for investigation
Central and Western	1 221	693	81	80	130	291	2
Wan Chai	986	467	74	41	76	191	2
Eastern	3 271	1 683	718	305	637	1 660	7
Southern	1 113	526	289	107	167	563	0
Island	159	57	24	5	44	73	0
Yau Tsim	1 158	514	380	277	264	921	0
Mong Kok	1 438	750	160	104	241	505	8
Sham Shui Po	1 956	556	578	136	427	1 141	4
Kowloon City	2 723	929	517	484	413	1 414	10
Wong Tai Sin	1 291	240	207	271	131	609	1
Kwun Tong	2 373	981	233	422	315	970	3
Kwai Tsing	1 805	780	337	233	316	886	12
Tsuen Wan	2 146	654	333	204	428	965	4
Tuen Mun	2 115	938	192	167	366	725	2
Yuen Long	666	351	102	79	66	247	3
North	693	279	72	10	61	143	0
Tai Po	1 071	407	107	44	119	270	2
Sha Tin	2 419	727	383	409	374	1 166	2
Sai Kung	1 013	468	133	116	104	353	2
Total	29 617	12 000	4 920	3 494	4 679	13 093	64

Note ⁽¹⁾: The above figures included cases screened out because of low moisture level, as well as unjustified and withdrawn cases, in respect of which no investigation was made by the Joint Office set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Buildings Department.

Water seepage cases in 2016

District	Total number of cases received	No. of cases screened-out ⁽¹⁾	No. of seepage cases ceased during investigation (a)	No. of cases without identified source of seepage (b)	No. of cases with identified source of seepage (c)	No. of cases with investigation work completed (a)+(b)+(c)	No. of cases where government officers were refused to enter the flat for investigation
Central and Western	1 601	775	192	133	192	517	1
Wan Chai	1 468	653	164	76	169	409	1
Eastern	3 938	1 729	619	439	677	1 735	3
Southern	1 323	376	169	74	314	557	2
Island	225	64	37	8	34	79	0
Yau Tsim	1 417	580	771	151	681	1 603	0
Mong Kok	1 828	954	125	74	419	618	3
Sham Shui Po	2 466	663	507	252	653	1 412	7
Kowloon City	3 330	987	367	155	772	1 294	5
Wong Tai Sin	1 533	234	179	160	159	498	2
Kwun Tong	2 719	721	607	538	459	1 604	0
Kwai Tsing	2 095	826	306	152	340	798	2
Tsuen Wan	2 397	578	295	303	566	1 164	10
Tuen Mun	2 980	1 240	137	480	349	966	8
Yuen Long	809	515	73	84	116	273	4
North	798	519	65	15	124	204	0
Tai Po	1 171	425	221	76	228	525	1
Sha Tin	3 090	855	333	280	413	1 026	2
Sai Kung	1 188	502	218	271	181	670	4
Total	36 376	13 196	5 385	3 721	6 846	15 952	55

Note⁽¹⁾: The above figures included cases screened out because of low moisture level, as well as unjustified and withdrawn cases, in respect of which no investigation was made by the Joint Office set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Buildings Department.

Water seepage cases in 2017

District	Total number of cases received	No. of cases screened-out ⁽¹⁾	No. of seepage cases ceased during investigation (a)	No. of cases without identified source of seepage (b)	No. of cases with identified source of seepage (c)	No. of cases with investigation work completed (a)+(b)+(c)	No. of cases where government officers were refused to enter the flat for investigation
Central and Western	1 419	828	180	166	177	523	2
Wan Chai	1 505	1 030	475	114	155	744	1
Eastern	3 948	1 789	685	449	680	1 814	10
Southern	1 300	396	109	85	212	406	1
Island	190	86	23	9	39	71	0
Yau Tsim	1 495	536	411	89	546	1 046	1
Mong Kok	1 653	988	158	93	246	497	2
Sham Shui Po	2 377	661	378	362	401	1 141	5
Kowloon City	3 157	1 053	337	300	637	1 274	3
Wong Tai Sin	1 507	181	186	202	281	669	3
Kwun Tong	2 937	864	533	559	551	1 643	0
Kwai Tsing	2 068	1 055	494	174	482	1 150	4
Tsuen Wan	2 218	589	336	251	516	1 103	4
Tuen Mun	2 918	1 657	130	315	307	752	15
Yuen Long	843	461	112	75	118	305	2
North	840	696	155	48	123	326	0
Tai Po	1 255	647	211	75	190	476	1
Sha Tin	3 143	744	408	506	452	1 366	3
Sai Kung	1 229	471	127	300	140	567	5
Total	36 002	14 732	5 448	4 172	6 253	15 873	62

Note ⁽¹⁾: The above figures included cases screened out because of low moisture level, as well as unjustified and withdrawn cases, in respect of which no investigation was made by the Joint Office set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Buildings Department.

Number of nuisance notices, nuisance orders and prosecutions

Year	No. of nuisance notices issued	No. of nuisance orders issued	No. of prosecutions
2015	4 988	16	61
2016	5 584	33	95
2017	5 006	39	114

**Investigations of source of seepage
using infrared thermography and microwave tomography scanning device**

Year	Total no. of cases	No. of cases without identified source of seepage	No. of cases with identified source of seepage	No. of cases where government officers were refused to enter the flat for investigation⁽¹⁾	No. of cases with investigation work completed
2015	7	0	7	0	7
2016	27	0	27	0	27
2017	24	0	24	0	24

Note ⁽¹⁾: Water seepage investigation using infrared thermography and microwave tomography does not require entry into the suspected flat.

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