Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2018-19

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<u>Head</u>: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Please advise on the criteria and circumstances under which a place will be listed as a hygiene blackspot.

2. Please tabulate details of the hygiene blackspots in Kowloon West (including Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong and Kowloon City) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and District Council district as follows:

2017-18 Financial Year/Sham Shui Po District

Location of hygiene blackspot	Hygiene problem	hygiene enhancement	Expenditure on environmental hygiene enhancement measures/work	Effectiveness	Time required for being delisted

2017-18 Financial Year/Yau Tsim Mong District

Location of hygiene blackspot	Hygiene problem	Land use of building or site	Environmental hygiene enhancement measures/work	Expenditure on environmental hygiene enhancement measures/work	Effectiveness	Time required for being delisted

2017-18 Financial Year/Kowloon City District

Location of hygiene blackspot	Hygiene problem	Land use of building or site	Environmental hygiene enhancement measures/work	Expenditure on environmental hygiene enhancement measures/work	Effectiveness	Time required for being delisted

3. Please advise whether any financial provision has been earmarked for the 2018-19 financial year to enhance cleansing work at hygiene blackspots in Kowloon West; if yes, the details.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 47)

Reply:

(1)-(3) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) receives environmental hygiene complaints from members of the public through multiple channels, including reports pinpointing locations with unsatisfactory hygiene conditions. The Department will conduct investigation and take measures to abate the nuisance. Depending on the circumstances prevailing at individual locations, the Department will adjust the frequency of street washing and pest control operations and step up enforcement action as appropriate. There is no hard and fast definition of what a hygienic "black spot" is; the term is used to refer to an area where the cleanliness problem remains obstinate despite enhanced cleansing. A list of the top 5 locations in each of the Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim, Mong Kok and Kowloon City districts, as in March 2018, to which the Department devotes more efforts and resources in tackling the problem of illegal dumping of refuse is set out in Annex. The Department does not keep separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower serving the locations identified as hygiene blackspots.

Top 5 Locations of Illegal Dumping of Refuse Broken Down by District (as at March 2018)

District	Location		
Sham Shui Po	Junction of King Lam Street and Tung Chau West Street		
	Tat Yeung Road		
	Junction of Begonia Road and Cassia Road, near Cassia		
	Street Refuse Collection Point		
	Lai Po Road westbound Lin Cheung Road		
	Outside Wing Hong Street Temporary Refuse Collection		
	Point		
Yau Tsim	Outside No.28 Kimberley Street		
	Junction of Reclamation Street and Nanking Street		
	Junction of Battery Street and Saigon Street		
	Rear lane of Kiu Kong Mansion, No. 524 Nathan Road		
	Junction of Dundas Street and Waterloo Road (outside		
	Kwong Wah Hospital)		
Mong Kok	Junction of Wai On Street and Kok Cheung Street		
	Outside Sai Yee Street Refuse Collection Point		
	Junction of Hak Po Street and Pak Po Street		
	Junction of Ferry Street and Nelson Street (Outside Shun		
	King Building)		
	Outside Skyway House, No. 3 Sham Mong Road		
Kowloon City	Outside I-Feng Mansion, Chi Kiang Street		
	Outside Cheung Ning Street Refuse Collection Point		
	Junction of Mei King Street and Mei Kwong Street		
	Junction of Pentland Street and Prince Edward Road West		
	Junction of Wu Kwong Street and Baker Street		