

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In the light of the domestic waste charging scheme to be implemented by the Government, please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) whether there will be any plans to refurbish or redevelop the existing refuse collection points (RCPs) to facilitate its implementation; if yes, the details, locations and expenditure to be involved; and
- 2) whether there are any plans to deal with the village-type RCPs in the New Territories to facilitate its implementation.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 149)

Reply:

The Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) charging scheme is a policy initiative of the Environment Bureau (EnvB). A number of Departments assist the EnvB in implementing the MSW and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) is one of them.

1. To facilitate enforcement and enhance recycling support at suitable RCPs in order to complement the implementation of MSW charging scheme, FEHD will conduct improvement and upgrading measures in RCPs, including improvement of the lighting system to facilitate the checking of designated bags, providing more recycling bins near or outside RCPs as appropriate to enhance recycling support, and provision of notice boards which provide information on waste reduction, recycling and nearby recycling facilities, etc. FEHD aims to have the measures in place before the implementation of the MSW charging scheme.
2. FEHD will also carry out the above-mentioned measures at the village-type RCPs in the New Territories where feasible to facilitate the implementation of the MSW charging scheme.

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