

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)438****(Question Serial No. 3515)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health
(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the criteria and circumstances under which a place will be considered having serious hygiene problems and listed as a so-called hygiene blackspot.

Please tabulate details of all hygiene blackspots with serious hygiene problems in Kowloon West (including Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong and Kowloon City) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by year and District Council district as follows:

2019-20 Financial Year/Sham Shui Po 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

2019-20 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

2019-20 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

Please advise whether any financial provision has been earmarked for the 2019-20 financial year to enhance cleansing work at hygiene blackspots in Kowloon West; if yes, the details.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

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 cleansing 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 Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim, Mong Kok and Kowloon City districts, as at March 2019, to which the Department devotes more efforts and resources in tackling the problem of illegal dumping of refuse is set out at Annex.

Since June 2018, the Department has installed Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at 115 illegal refuse deposit blackspots over the territory to curb such activities. The Department plans to extend the scheme for 2 years and will consult District Councils (DCs) to draw up a prioritised site list for each district for installation of IP cameras. It will progressively increase the number of locations for installation of IP cameras to over 300 with consideration given to the locations proposed by DCs, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$26 million.

To combat illegal deposit of refuse, apart from installation of IP cameras, the Department has set up 19 dedicated enforcement teams (DETs), primarily to step up enforcement action against various public cleanliness offences. The Department will set up additional DETs in 2019-20 to strengthen law enforcement work and convey health messages, distribute leaflets and warning notices to arouse public awareness of maintaining street cleanliness and proper disposal of refuse. In addition, the Department has, with the consent of respective DCs, extended the opening hours of some refuse collection points to meet the demand for service at midnight or in the early morning. This arrangement has brought about improvements to environmental hygiene.

The Department does not keep separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure for enhancing cleansing services for the black spots of illegal dumping of refuse.

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Top 5 Locations of Illegal Dumping of Refuse

(as at March 2019)

District	Location
Sham Shui Po	Junction of Ki Lung Street and Pei Ho Street
	Junction of Tai Nan Street and Pei Ho Street
	Pavement outside Fuk Wing Street Rest Garden
	Kim Sin Lane
	Junction of Kweilin Street and Lai Chi Kok Road
Yau Tsim	Star Ferry Pier, Tsim Sha Tsui
	Junction of Battery Street and Saigon Street
	Junction of Parkes Street and Bowring Street
	Junction of Dundas Street and Waterloo Road (outside Kwong Wah Hospital)
	Rear lane of Nos. 2 - 40 Portland Street
Mong Kok	Outside Skyway House, No. 3 Sham Mong Road
	Pavement of Larch Street
	Junction of Poplar Street and Tai Nan Street (Outside Poplar Street Substation)
	Junction of Ferry Street and Shan Tung Street
	Junction of Ferry Street and Nelson Street (Outside Shun King Building)
Kowloon City	Gillies Avenue North (near Gillies Avenue Post Office)
	Junction of Ma Tau Wai Road and Hok Yuen Street (near Hung Hom Square)
	Roundabout of Wan On Street
	No. 99 Dock Street
	Junction of York Road and To Fuk Road