

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Subhead (No. & title): (661) Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)
Programme: (-) Not specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With thanks for the Department's reply to FHB(FE)128, my follow-up questions are as (at Float) follows:

- 1) Will the Department have a dedicated team to review the footage captured by the Internet Protocol (IP) cameras? If yes, what are the manpower and annual expenditure to be involved?
- 2) How long will the footage captured by the IP cameras be stored? Will the Department restrict the use of the footage?

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- 1) All footage captured by the Internet Protocol (IP) cameras goes through computer video analysis whereby illegal acts of refuse deposit can be identified for verification by the contractors. Staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) rely on the footage captured to collect evidence and institute prosecution against fly-tippers. Moreover, the Department can analyse the timing and patterns of the illegal acts to formulate more effective enforcement operations. The Department has no dedicated team to review the footage captured by the IP cameras.
- 2) Footage without suspected cases being captured are normally deleted after random checking (within 1 month). For footage with cases detected, they will be kept until the investigation or prosecution action is completed. Footage will only be used for the purpose of detection, prevention and prosecution of public cleanliness offences. The Department will only consider providing the footage to other departments upon request and in accordance with section 58 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486).

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