

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)081****(Question Serial No. 1455)**

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

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Question:

1. Please advise on the number of government refuse bins and recycling bins to be written off for being damaged or burnt on streets in all 18 districts since June last year, with a breakdown by district.
2. What is the total value of loss with regard to the government refuse bins and recycling bins being damaged or burnt?
3. The Department is currently using transparent plastic bags instead of refuse bins for refuse collection on streets. Is this a temporary measure? When will the provision of refuse bins be resumed?
4. Has the total amount of refuse collected by the cleansing workers of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department from the streets in the territory between June and December 2019 increased significantly as compared with the same period of 2018? Please set out in tabular form the quantity for each month in the two years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

1. Between June 2019 and February 2020, the number of litter containers (LCs) and recyclables collection bins (RCBs) managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department being sabotaged is provided, with a breakdown by District Council district, as follows:

District	LCs (No.)	RCBs (No.)
Central and Western	24	3
Eastern	34	5
Wan Chai	141	43

District	LCs (No.)	RCBs (No.)
Southern	41	5
Islands	25	0
Yau Tsim Mong	138	3
Kowloon City	103	7
Kwun Tong	102	7
Wong Tai Sin	132	5
Sham Shui Po	79	0
Sai Kung	48	3
Tuen Mun	50	12
Yuen Long	130	13
North	31	8
Kwai Tsing	7	0
Tai Po	50	4
Sha Tin	99	0
Tsuen Wan	47	0
Total	1 281	118

2. The reprovisioning cost of the said LCs and RCBs is about \$1.6 million.
3. To help keep Hong Kong tidy, LCs are placed on streets to facilitate depositing of litter/small refuse by pedestrians. In the interests of public safety, LCs and RCBs at places where major public order events such as assemblies, processions and demonstrations took place were temporarily removed and successively placed back as appropriate. For places where major public order events are still frequent, temporary hanging litter bags are placed at appropriate locations to facilitate depositing of litter/small refuse by pedestrians. The Department will continue to keep in view the actual situation to determine the individual locations for provision of LCs in the districts.
4. The Department does not keep statistics on the total amount of refuse collected by cleansing workers from the streets.

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