

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please set out the number of refuse collection points (RCPs) managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department; the locations of RCPs which are provided with (i) changing facilities, (ii) common rooms, (iii) drinking facilities, (iv) mobile refuse compactors and (v) automatic refuse bin washing machines; and the area of common rooms (if any). Does the Department have any plans to provide other RCPs with changing facilities, common rooms, drinking facilities, mobile refuse compactors and automatic refuse bin washing machines? Will any space in the newly built RCPs be reserved for providing changing facilities, common rooms, drinking facilities, mobile refuse compactors and automatic refuse bin washing machines? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1660)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department currently manages 161 permanent off-street refuse collection points (RCPs), 58 of which are provided with mobile refuse compactors (MRCs). All RCPs have drinking water facilities. Generally speaking, RCPs with roll call points are provided with changing rooms but not separate common rooms. For some RCPs without changing facilities owing to space constraints, the Department allows contractors to provide temporary changing and storage facilities where circumstances permit.

The Department has kick-started a pilot scheme to carry out improvement works at the roll call points in 24 RCPs for provision or enhancement of changing and storage facilities. For newly built RCPs or when RCPs are refurbished, changing and storage facilities will be provided for in-house or contractors' staff if circumstances permit. MRCs will also be provided having regard to the operational needs and site situation of RCPs, but the Department has no plan to introduce automatic refuse bin washing machines. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure on provision of the above facilities. A breakdown of the RCPs provided with changing facilities, drinking facilities and MRCs is at Annex.

Facilities of RCPs under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

District	Changing facilities provided	Drinking water facilities provided	Mobile refuse compactors provided
Central & Western	14	16	5
Wan Chai	10	10	3
Eastern	12	12	4
Southern	7	7	0
Islands	3	3	1
Yau Tsim Mong	16	18	15
Sham Shui Po	11	11	5
Kowloon City	11	19	3
Wong Tai Sin	6	6	1
Kwun Tong	8	8	0
Kwai Tsing	6	7	0
Tsuen Wan	6	6	3
Tuen Mun	9	10	3
Yuen Long	8	9	6
North	3	3	2
Tai Po	2	5	4
Sha Tin	6	6	1
Sai Kung	4	5	2
Total	142	161	58

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