

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please set out in tabular form (1) the number of aqua privies in the territory, (2) their locations, (3) the number of toilet compartments, (4) the usage rate, (5) the frequency and time interval of desludging service, (6) any plan to convert aqua privies into flushing toilets (if yes, the target year and month in which the conversion will take place), and (7) the estimated expenditure, with a breakdown by the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 350)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department provides 44 aqua privies. The desludging frequency for these facilities mainly depends on the utilisation rate and ground situations. Information on the locations of aqua privies, number of water closets, utilisation rate and plan for conversion into flushing toilets is provided at **Annex**.

**Information on Aqua Privies
(as at February 2020)**

| District | Location | Number of water closets | Utilisation rate | Whether it will be converted to a flushing toilet | Anticipated completion date | Estimated cost of conversion works (\$ million) |
|------------|---------------------------|--|------------------|---|---|---|
| Islands | Po Toi | 5 | Moderate | Site search for reprovisioning under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| Islands | Ha Ling Pei | Not available (conversion works in progress) | | Yes | July 2020 | 6.000 |
| Islands | Shek Lau Po | Not available (conversion works in progress) | | Yes | Q4 2020 | 8.987 |
| Islands | Sha Lo Wan Tsuen | Not available (conversion works in progress) | | Yes | Q2 2020 | 6.410 |
| Islands | Nam Chung | 5 | Moderate | Yes | Not available | 5.000 |
| Islands | Fan Lau | 4 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| Kwai Tsing | Kau Wah Keng Village | 4 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| Tsuen Wan | Sham Tseng San Tsuen | 4 | Low | Demolition under planning | N.A. | N.A. |
| Tsuen Wan | Ma Wan Heung Sze Wui Road | 8 | Low | Yes (to be reprovisioned under private development project) | The reprovisioned public toilet will not be managed by the Department | |
| Tsuen Wan | Ma Wan Fisherman Village | 6 | Low | Yes (to be reprovisioned) | The reprovisioned public toilet will not be managed by the Department | |

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| | | | | under private development project) | | |
| Tsuen Wan | Yam O Luk Keng | 2 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| Tuen Mun | Fu Tei Sheung Tsuen | 3 | Moderate | Demolition under planning | Not available | Not available |
| Tuen Mun | Siu Sau Tsuen near Wan Lee Store | 6 | Low | Yes (to be reprovisioned under private development project) | To be confirmed | Not available |
| Tuen Mun | Wong Uk Tsuen, Tai Lam | 4 | Low | Yes (to be reprovisioned under private development project) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Shui Chiu San Tsuen (1) | 5 | Low | Yes (a suitable site being identified for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Cheung Ngau Shan | Not available (conversion works in progress) | | Yes | April 2020 | 3.460 |
| Yuen Long | Sheung Yau Tin Tsuen | 6 | Low | Demolition under planning | N.A. | N.A. |
| Yuen Long | Ha Yau Tin Tsuen | 6 | Low | Yes | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Ta Shek Wu | 3 | Low | Yes (a suitable site being identified for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Lin Fa Tei East | 6 | Low | Demolition under planning | N.A. | N.A. |
| Yuen | Lin Fa | 5 | Low | Demolition | N.A. | N.A. |

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| Long | Tei West | | | under planning | | |
| Yuen Long | Hang Tau Tsuen | 6 | Low | Yes (a suitable site being identified for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Sha Kong Wai | 10 | Low | Yes (a suitable site being identified for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Kau Lei Uk Tsuen | 3 | Low | Yes (a suitable site being identified for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Fung Kong Tsuen | 6 | Low | Yes (land allocation being applied for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Ha San Wai | 6 | Low | Yes | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Ngau Tam Mei West | 6 | Low | Yes (a suitable site being identified for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Yuen Long | Shui Tau Tsuen | 2 | Low | Yes (a suitable site being identified for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| North | Hang Tau (Tai Po) | 3 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning or demolition under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| North | Tsiu Keng Market | 5 | Low | Yes | To be confirmed | 7.670 |
| North | Tai Long | 3 | Low | Site search for | Not | Not |

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| | | | | reprovisioning or demolition under study (in-situ refurbished)* | available | available |
| North | Kau Liu | 5 | Low | Yes (land allocation being applied for reprovisioning) | Not available | Not available |
| Tai Po | Sha Lo Tung Village | 5 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| Tai Po | Wai Ha Village | 4 | Low | Yes | Not available | Not available |
| Tai Po | Tin Liu Ha Village | 4 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning under study | Not available | Not available |
| Tai Po | Pak Ngau Shek Ha Tsuen | 5 | Low | Yes | Not available | Not available |
| Tai Po | Tung Ping Chau Site (1) | 4 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning or demolition under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| Tai Po | Tung Ping Chau Site (3) | 4 | Low | Site search for reprovisioning or demolition under study (in-situ refurbished)* | Not available | Not available |
| Tai Po | Tseng Tau Pier | 3 | Moderate | Site search for reprovisioning or demolition under study | Not available | Not available |
| Sai Kung | Pak Shek Wo Sun Tsuen | 4 | Low | Demolition under planning | N.A. | N.A. |
| Sai | Lung Ha | 3 | Low | Demolition | N.A. | N.A. |

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| Kung | Wan | | | under planning | | |
| Sai Kung | Pik Shui Sun Tsuen (2) | 6 | Low | Demolition under planning | N.A. | N.A. |
| Sai Kung | Pik Shui Sun Tsuen (3) | 4 | Low | Demolition under planning | N.A. | N.A. |
| Sai Kung | Hap Mun Bay | 3 | Low | Demolition under planning | N.A. | N.A. |

N.A. = Not applicable

- * As such aqua privies were considered infeasible for conversion into flushing toilets due to the lack of water supply and/or sewerage system, encroachment onto private lands or site constraints, in-situ refurbishment was carried out instead.

Low utilisation rate – a daily average of less than 100 visitors

Moderate utilisation rate – a daily average between 100 and 299 visitors

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