

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)337****(Question Serial No. 4430)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (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 provide as per the table below 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.

## 2020-21 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

## 2020-21 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

## 2020-21 Financial Year/Kowloon City District

Location of hygiene	Hygiene problem	Land use of	Environmental hygiene	Expenditure on	Effectiveness

blackspot		building or site	enhancement measures/work	environmental hygiene enhancement measures/work	

3. Please advise whether any financial provision has been earmarked for the 2020-21 financial year to enhance cleansing work at hygiene blackspots in Kowloon West; if yes, the details.
4. Please advise whether the Department will optimise the use of new technology or amass community wisdom in an attempt to alleviate the serious hygiene problems at hygiene blackspots or in the community; if yes, the details; if no, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)

Reply:

- 1-2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department receives environmental hygiene complaints from the public through various channels, including reports of locations in unsatisfactory hygiene condition. The Department will conduct investigations and take measures to abate the nuisances. In the light of the circumstances at individual locations, the Department will adjust the frequency of street cleansing and pest control operations and step up law enforcement as appropriate. There is no explicit definition for hygiene “blackspot” which refers to an area where cleanliness problem remains 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 2020, to which the Department has devoted more efforts and resources to tackling the problem of illegal deposit of refuse is provided at Annex.

To curb such activities, the Department has extended the scheme on installation of Internet Protocol (IP) cameras for 2 years from August 2019 after consulting District Councils (DCs) in 2019. IP cameras have been installed at priority locations proposed by respective DCs with a view to further combatting illegal deposit of refuse. So far the Department has installed IP cameras at over 150 illegal refuse deposit spots across the territory, and the number will progressively increase to over 300. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$16 million.

Apart from installing IP cameras to check illegal deposit of refuse, the Department has set up 31 dedicated enforcement teams (DETs), primarily to step up enforcement action against various public cleanliness offences, and will continue to set up additional DETs this year to strengthen law enforcement, convey health messages and distribute leaflets and warning notices to arouse public awareness of maintaining street cleanliness and proper disposal of refuse. In consultation with respective DCs, the Department has extended the opening hours of some refuse collection points to meet service demand at mid-night or in the early morning. This arrangement has achieved improvement in the hygiene condition.

3. The Department does not keep a separate breakdown of the manpower and expenditure for enhancing cleansing service for illegal refuse deposit blackspots.
4. The Department has been proactively applying technologies to enhance environmental hygiene services and the efficiency of prosecution work through the use of machines and automation. It will continue to garner advice from members of the public on better environmental hygiene at the community level through various channels with a view to further improving the hygiene condition.

**Top 5 Locations of Illegal Deposit of Refuse**  
(as at March 2020)

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sham Shui Po	Junction of Ki Lung Street and Pei Ho Street
	Junction of Tai Nan Street and Pei Ho Street
	Kim Sin Lane
	Pavement outside Tin Hau Temple at the junction of Yee Kuk Street and Kweilin Street
	Pavement outside Yee Kuk Street Refuse Collection Point
Yau Tsim	Pavement outside Portland Street/Man Ming Lane Sitting-out Area at the junction of Man Ming Lane and Portland Street, Yau Ma Tei
	Arthur Street, Yau Ma Tei (near Wing Sing Lane)
	Rear lane of 151-177 Temple Street (between Saigon Street and Ning Po Street)
	Pavement outside 37 Parkes Street at the junction of Parkes Street and Bowring Street, Jordan
	Outside West Kowloon Office of the Immigration Department, 28 Kimberley Street, Tsim Sha Tsui
Mong Kok	Junction of Hak Po Street and Pak Po Street
	Safety island at the junction of Tai Nan Street and Cedar Street
	Junction of Ferry Street and Shan Tung Street
	Rear lane of 771-789 Nathan Road
	Junction of Kok Cheung Street and Ka Shin Street
Kowloon City	Junction of Mei King Street and Mei Kwong Street, To Kwa Wan
	Outside Cheung Ning Street Refuse Collection Point
	Exit of I-Feng Mansions, Chi Kiang Street, To Kwa Wan
	Rear lane of Hung Wu Building, Wuhu Street
	Junction of Man Lok Street and Man Yue Street

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