

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)154****(Question Serial No. 2423)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServiceControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the clearance of illegal refuse deposit blackspots, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the number of refuse deposit blackspots in 2020, with a breakdown by District Council district;
- (b) the amount of refuse cleared at illegal refuse deposit blackspots in the past 3 years; and
- (c) the numbers of complaints and prosecutions against illegal refuse deposit in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)Reply:

- (a) At present, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has installed Internet Protocol cameras at a total of 246 spots where illegal deposit of refuse is more serious in various districts across the territory. The number of spots, with a breakdown by District Council district, is provided as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of illegal refuse deposit spots</b>
Central and Western	11
Wan Chai	10
Eastern	13
Southern	9
Islands	0
Yau Tsim Mong	18
Sham Shui Po	14
Kowloon City	10
Wong Tai Sin	7
Kwun Tong	6
Kwai Tsing	14

Tsuen Wan	10
Tuen Mun	16
<b>District</b>	<b>Number of illegal refuse deposit spots</b>
Yuen Long	59
North	13
Tai Po	12
Sha Tin	8
Sai Kung	16
Total	246

- (b) The Department does not keep statistics on the amount of refuse cleared at illegal refuse deposit spots.
- (c) The numbers of complaints about street cleansing received in 2018, 2019 and 2020 were 62 834, 69 423 and 54 516 respectively. The Department does not keep a separate breakdown on cases of illegal deposit of refuse on streets.

Under the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation (Cap. 132 BK), any person depositing litter in a street or public place will be prosecuted and liable on conviction to a fine of up to \$25,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months. The same offence may also be caught under the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570), which empowers an enforcement officer to issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN) currently at \$1,500. The Department issued 43 360, 41 911 and 41 737 FPNs as well as 206, 145 and 181 summonses in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. In the same period, the Department issued 265, 799 and 1 880 summonses respectively to owners of the vehicles used for illegal deposits of refuse at illegal refuse deposit spots based on the footage captured.

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