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Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will “continue to explore and apply new technology and automation to enhance environmental hygiene services and strengthen related enforcement and prosecution work”. How many cameras have been installed for the purpose of monitoring illegal deposits of refuse? How many cases resulted in successful prosecution with the footage captured by cameras in each of the past three years? What resources will be allocated to take forward the above work in the coming year? How many cameras does the Department aim to install for monitoring environmental hygiene blackspots?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department launched the scheme on installation of Internet Protocol (IP) cameras in various districts of Hong Kong in June 2018 to curb illegal deposits of refuse. So far, IP cameras have been installed at about 240 illegal refuse deposit spots across the territory. The installation will be extended to about 300 locations by mid-2021. The estimated expenditure in 2021-22 is about \$16 million.

In 2018, 2019 and 2020, the Department issued 265, 799 and 1 880 summonses respectively to owners of the vehicles involved for illegal deposits of refuse based on the footage captured.

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