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Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Department will implement the trial scheme to enable licensed food business to properly store refuse pending collection at rear lanes. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- A) What is the expenditure of the trial scheme?
- B) When will the trial scheme be extended to cover the rear lanes in other districts?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 68)

Reply:

- A) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has launched a trial scheme for 9 rear lanes in various districts since November 2022. Under the scheme, licensed food premises are allowed to place 240-litre refuse bins labelled with their shop signs in their connected rear lanes under specific conditions for temporary storage of refuse pending collection by the cleaning workers hired by them. The aim is to improve the environmental hygiene of the rear lanes and contain rodent infestation. The Department provided 240-litre refuse bins to the food premises at the early stage of the trial scheme, and the expenditure is around \$24,400.
- B) The overall results of the trial scheme are satisfactory. The Department is refining its implementation details. It is expected that the trial scheme will be extended to cover more rear lanes in other districts in the second quarter of 2023.

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