

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**EEB(F)153****(Question Serial No. 0107)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Ms Irene YOUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and EcologyQuestion:

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

1. the numbers of illegal refuse deposit blackspots, complaints and prosecutions against illegal refuse deposit in each of the past 3 years respectively, with a breakdown by District Council district; and
2. the estimated expenditure for the installation of Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at illegal refuse deposit spots, and the number of additional IP cameras planned to be installed this year and their locations?

Asked by: Hon YANG Wing-kit (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)Reply:

1. The number of illegal refuse deposit blackspots, with a breakdown by District Council district, in the past 3 years (2020 to 2022) is set out in **Annex**. The numbers of complaints received, fixed penalty notices issued and prosecutions instituted against deposit of refuse or waste in public places by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are provided as follows:

	2020	2021	2022
Number of complaints received against deposit of refuse or waste in public places	2 080	2 835	2 907
Number of fixed penalty notices issued against illegal deposit of refuse or waste	41 737	46 076	42 135
Number of prosecutions instituted against illegal deposit of refuse or waste (including littering from vehicles)	2 061	2 373	1 045

2. The Department has installed Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at 405 illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts across the territory. The estimated expenditure for the installation and operation of IP cameras in 2023-24 is about \$11.1 million. The Department will review the situation of illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts and consider installing additional IP cameras having regard to the practical needs, appropriateness and views of the local community.

Number of illegal refuse deposit blackspots

District	2020	2021	2022
Central & Western	11	10	18
Wan Chai	10	10	18
Eastern	13	13	17
Southern	9	9	14
Islands	0	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	18	18	25
Sham Shui Po	14	15	25
Kowloon City	10	11	24
Wong Tai Sin	7	8	12
Kwun Tong	6	6	11
Kwai Tsing	14	15	19
Tsuen Wan	10	12	17
Tuen Mun	16	21	30
Yuen Long	59	73	85
North	13	17	25
Tai Po	12	11	21
Sha Tin	8	9	17
Sai Kung	16	17	27
Total	246	275	405

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