

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

On public cleansing service, please advise this Committee of:

- the placement of public refuse bins in the past 3 years and the coming year, with a breakdown by the 18 districts (set out in tabular form):

	2021 (number)	2022 (number)	2023 (number)	2024 (estimated) (number)
Central & Western				
Wan Chai				
Eastern				
Southern				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Sham Shui Po				
Kowloon City				
Wong Tai Sin				
Kwun Tong				
Kwai Tsing				
Tsuen Wan				
Yuen Long				
Tuen Mun				
North				
Tai Po				
Sha Tin				
Sai Kung				
Islands				

2. the numbers of cases with fixed penalty notices issued by the Government against littering offenders in the past 3 years (set out in tabular form):

Offence	2021 (number of cases)	2022 (number of cases)	2023 (number of cases)
Littering			
Spitting			
Unauthorised display of bills or posters			
Fouling of street by dog faeces			
Unlawful depositing of waste			
Feeding feral pigeons			
Others			

3. the enforcement actions and their effectiveness in relation to the scheme of installation of Internet Protocol (IP) cameras in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the 18 districts (set out in tabular form):

2021		
	Enforcement actions (number)	Successful prosecution (number)
Central & Western		
Wan Chai		
Eastern		
Southern		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Sham Shui Po		
Kowloon City		
Wong Tai Sin		
Kwun Tong		
Kwai Tsing		
Tsuen Wan		
Yuen Long		
Tuen Mun		
North		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Sai Kung		
Islands		

2022		
	Enforcement actions (number)	Successful prosecution (number)
Central & Western		
Wan Chai		
Eastern		
Southern		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Sham Shui Po		
Kowloon City		
Wong Tai Sin		
Kwun Tong		
Kwai Tsing		
Tsuen Wan		
Yuen Long		
Tuen Mun		
North		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Sai Kung		
Islands		

2023		
	Enforcement actions (number)	Successful prosecution (number)
Central & Western		
Wan Chai		
Eastern		
Southern		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Sham Shui Po		
Kowloon City		
Wong Tai Sin		
Kwun Tong		
Kwai Tsing		
Tsuen Wan		
Yuen Long		
Tuen Mun		
North		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Sai Kung		
Islands		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 96)

Reply:

1. The numbers of litter containers placed on streets by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 3 years are as follows.

	<b>2021 (number)</b>	<b>2022 (number)</b>	<b>2023 (number)</b>
Central & Western	778	647	646
Wan Chai	815	816	800
Eastern	646	644	634
Southern	416	406	401
Yau Tsim Mong	680	680	666
Sham Shui Po	555	555	535
Kowloon City	691	691	678
Wong Tai Sin	448	448	440
Kwun Tong	682	682	670
Kwai Tsing	616	616	605
Tsuen Wan	496	496	442
Yuen Long	817	817	802
Tuen Mun	600	600	589
North	370	370	363
Tai Po	531	531	521
Sha Tin	1 202	1 202	1 163
Sai Kung	809	731	736
Islands	495	495	486
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 647</b>	<b>11 427</b>	<b>11 177</b>

In support of the relevant policies, the Department will adjust the number and location of litter containers placed on streets in accordance with the district environmental hygiene situations and actual operation needs, including pedestrian flow, width of pavements, usage of litter containers and other relevant factors. In 2024, the Department has no plans at this stage to reduce the number of litter containers placed on streets.

2. The numbers of cases with fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued by the Department against public cleansing offences in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows.

<b>Offence</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Littering (including dirtying public places by feeding feral birds)	46 076	42 135	39 655
Spitting	1 628	1 712	2 056
Unauthorised display of bills or posters	3 209	2 641	2 665
Fouling of street by dog faeces	33	15	19

<b>Offence</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Illegal disposal of construction waste or large amount of other waste	Not applicable <sup>Note</sup>	Not applicable <sup>Note</sup>	4

Note: The Department has been authorised to issue FPNs against illegal disposal of construction waste or large amount of other waste since 22 October 2023.

3. The Department will follow up on illegal refuse dumping, plan more effective enforcement actions and institute prosecutions by analysing information obtained from the video footages of the Internet Protocol (IP) cameras. In the past 3 years, the Department took enforcement actions against offenders, including the issue of FPNs or summonses, based on information from the IP cameras. The respective figures in relation to the FPNs, summonses and convictions made by summonses are set out as follows.

#### **Number of FPNs issued**

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Central & Western	58	377	633
Wan Chai	213	132	72
Eastern	258	0	0
Southern	15	1	2
Yau Tsim Mong	284	418	541
Sham Shui Po	30	57	73
Kowloon City	98	800	395
Wong Tai Sin	139	209	347
Kwun Tong	134	456	878
Kwai Tsing	51	70	37
Tsuen Wan	11	54	75
Yuen Long	10	2	0
Tuen Mun	57	190	182
North	6	10	1 087
Tai Po	11	12	18
Sha Tin	73	121	283
Sai Kung	0	0	0
Islands	0	0	0

#### **Number of summonses issued**

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Central & Western	13 (12)	0	0
Wan Chai	0	21 (21)	10 (10)
Eastern	0	0	3 (3)
Southern	5 (5)	3 (3)	3 (1)
Yau Tsim Mong	7 (5)	0	4 (4)
Sham Shui Po	4 (0)	0	0
Kowloon City	5 (0)	1 (1)	5 (1)
Wong Tai Sin	1 (1)	0	2 (0)
Kwun Tong	4 (2)	0	2 (2)

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Kwai Tsing	31 (31)	14 (12)	14 (6)
Tsuen Wan	19 (19)	29 (29)	24 (15)
Yuen Long	1 262 (1 183)	588 (372)	287 (42)
Tuen Mun	393 (393)	30 (30)	184 (131)
North	235 (235)	150 (150)	277 (227)
Tai Po	96 (96)	35 (31)	47 (14)
Sha Tin	127 (127)	51 (48)	14 (5)
Sai Kung	18 (16)	10 (10)	10 (6)
Islands	0	0	0

Note: ( ) denotes the number of convictions as at 31 December 2023. Some of the cases are still pending the court's hearing.

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