

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

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

1. the numbers of illegal refuse deposit blackspots, as well as the complaints received, fixed penalty notices issued and prosecutions instituted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against deposit of refuse or waste in public places in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district; and
2. the estimated expenditure for the installation and operation 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, as well as the numbers of complaints received, fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued and prosecutions instituted against deposit of refuse or waste in public places in the past 3 years (2021 to 2023), with a breakdown by District Council district, are set out at **Annex**.
2. At present, Internet Protocol (IP) cameras are installed at about 440 illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts across the territory. Prosecutions are instituted and more effective enforcement actions are planned through analyses of the information from the video footages. The estimated expenditure for the installation and operation of IP cameras in 2024-25 is about \$8 million. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to review the situation of illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts and allocate resources in an effective manner having regard to the practical needs and circumstances.

**Table 1: Number of illegal refuse deposit blackspots**

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Central & Western	10	18	18
Wan Chai	10	18	18
Eastern	13	17	17
Southern	9	14	14
Islands	0	0	2
Yau Tsim Mong	18	25	33
Sham Shui Po	15	25	25
Kowloon City	11	24	24
Wong Tai Sin	8	12	13
Kwun Tong	6	11	11
Kwai Tsing	15	19	19
Tsuen Wan	12	17	17
Tuen Mun	21	30	40
Yuen Long	73	85	92
North	17	25	27
Tai Po	11	21	24
Sha Tin	9	17	17
Sai Kung	17	27	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>443</b>

**Table 2: Number of complaints received  
against deposit of refuse or waste in public places**

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Central & Western	82	45	77
Wan Chai	21	22	41
Eastern	43	63	85
Southern	10	2	8
Yau Tsim Mong	96	170	300
Sham Shui Po	104	57	279
Kowloon City	1 793	1 847	2 693
Wong Tai Sin	10	31	61
Kwun Tong	56	35	45
Kwai Tsing	100	25	65
Tsuen Wan	12	9	7
Yuen Long	116	166	455
Tuen Mun	43	71	121
North	37	26	27
Tai Po	18	5	9
Sha Tin	67	42	68
Sai Kung	215	283	485
Islands	7	5	12
Not specified	5	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 835</b>	<b>2 907</b>	<b>4 838</b>

**Table 3: Number of FPNs issued**

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Central & Western	3 117	2 782	2 657
Wan Chai	2 055	1 520	1 865
Eastern	6 247	6 402	4 621
Southern	646	604	671
Yau Tsim Mong	6 728	5 658	5 642
Sham Shui Po	3 319	3 437	3 436
Kowloon City	2 010	2 122	1 977
Wong Tai Sin	916	826	1 023
Kwun Tong	3 391	2 417	2 186
Kwai Tsing	923	704	673
Tsuen Wan	1 349	1 908	1 567
Yuen Long	7 283	6 809	5 380
Tuen Mun	1 320	1 233	977
North	1 832	1 688	1 958
Tai Po	1 043	1 007	1 549
Sha Tin	1 781	1 534	1 956
Sai Kung	1 270	884	930
Islands	846	600	591
<b>Total</b>	<b>46 076</b>	<b>42 135</b>	<b>39 659</b>

**Table 4: Number of prosecutions instituted against illegal deposit of refuse or waste (including dumping from vehicles)**

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Central & Western	11	2	0
Wan Chai	21	22	89
Eastern	5	3	49
Southern	31	7	147
Yau Tsim Mong	49	35	96
Sham Shui Po	11	4	77
Kowloon City	19	19	109
Wong Tai Sin	1	10	52
Kwun Tong	55	27	38
Kwai Tsing	38	13	37
Tsuen Wan	19	47	29
Yuen Long	1 341	559	123
Tuen Mun	295	44	92
North	215	99	271
Tai Po	77	43	62
Sha Tin	103	64	52
Sai Kung	81	45	61
Islands	1	2	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 373</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>1 399</b>

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