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Question:

With regard to enforcement against littering, please advise this Committee of:

1. the number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued against littering by the enforcement departments in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age and gender; and
2. the number of FPNs issued against littering since the implementation of the Fines and Fixed Penalties (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023, with a breakdown by age and gender.

Asked by: Hon YANG Wing-kit (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

1. In the past 3 years, the enforcement departments (including the Hong Kong Police Force, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Housing Department, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and the Environmental Protection Department which was newly added in October 2023) issued 46 437, 42 285 and 39 977 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) respectively for littering in public places. The number of cases, with a breakdown by age and gender, is tabulated below:

Year	2021		2022		2023	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
< 18	67	150	65	142	53	111
18 – 24	896	2 574	586	1 898	589	1 782
25 – 34	2 258	7 587	1 760	6 281	1 584	5 890
35 – 44	2 959	8 236	2 396	7 159	2 305	6 956
45 – 54	2 318	8 100	2 169	7 478	2 155	7 033
55 - 64	1 061	6 556	1 121	6 742	929	6 305
65 - 74	394	2 743	427	3 338	350	3 217
75 - 84	63	405	74	579	66	588
> 85	18	52	12	58	11	53
Sub-total	10 034	36 403	8 610	33 675	8 042	31 935
Total	46 437		42 285		39 977	

2. According to records, FEHD issued 7 205 FPNs for littering in public places from 22 October 2023 to 31 January 2024. The number of FPNs, issued with a breakdown by age and gender, is tabulated below:

Year	22 October 2023 to 31 January 2024	
Age	Female	Male
< 18	9	25
18 – 24	106	383
25 – 34	305	1 170
35 – 44	431	1 310
45 – 54	392	1 160
55 - 64	188	1 005
65 - 74	67	544
75 - 84	7	95
> 85	3	5
Sub-total	1 508	5 697
Total	7 205	

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