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Question:

In Programme (2), it is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Government will strengthen street cleansing, refuse collection and clearance work and step up related enforcement and prosecution. Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. Will the Government purchase clean energy street washing vehicles to increase the frequency of street washing in all districts across the territory during non-peak hours, so as to boost the image of Hong Kong as a clean city? What are the specific implementation strategies and the estimated expenditure on staff establishment?
2. How does the Government assess the effectiveness of the existing street cleansing and refuse collection work? Is there any plan to enhance service in old districts with a high risk, such as the Central and Western District, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hok-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

1. An inter-departmental working group led by the Environment and Ecology Bureau is responsible for the promotion of local application of hydrogen energy, including arranging the trial of 3 hydrogen fuel cell street washing vehicles in Hong Kong this year. There is no need for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to increase its staff establishment or other expenditures for the project.
2. FEHD has a well-established mechanism to supervise the effective performance of street cleansing and refuse collection services. Clear targets for street cleansing and refuse collection work (such as the daily frequency of street sweeping and refuse collection) are in place, and the effectiveness of service is assessed by monitoring such targets. Moreover, FEHD will properly consider the need for cleansing service in different districts and increase the cleansing frequency as necessary.