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Question:

The Government announced in the 2022 Policy Address that fully-enclosed refuse collection facilities with new design (including solar-powered mobile refuse compactors (SMRCs), solar-powered compacting refuse bins (SCRBs) and solar-powered/foot-pedal type aluminium refuse collection points) will be put in place at some 500 priority rural locations. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

1. the numbers of SMRCs, SCRBs and solar-powered/foot-pedal type aluminium RCPs in each district;
2. the expenditures involved in providing SMRCs, SCRBs and solar-powered/foot-pedal type aluminium RCPs at rural locations in each of the past 3 years; and
3. the additional numbers of SMRCs, SCRBs and solar-powered/foot-pedal type aluminium RCPs to be provided at rural locations this year, the expenditures involved and their locations.

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has provided fully-enclosed refuse collection facilities with new design at 319 locations in various districts, including 19 SMRCs, 32 SCRBs and 287 solar-powered/foot-pedal type aluminium refuse collection points (RCPs).
2. The expenditures for providing fully-enclosed refuse collection facilities with new design in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Expenditure
2022-23	\$22.5 million
2023-24	\$22.0 million
2024-25	\$19.5 million

3. The Department will continue to identify more suitable rural locations and plans to provide 180 fully-enclosed refuse collection facilities with new design at some 170 locations in 2025-26. Information on their locations is as follows:

District	Number of the facilities
Central & Western	2
Wan Chai	1
Southern	4
Islands	50
Kwai Tsing	3
Tsuen Wan	1
Tuen Mun	9
Yuen Long	29
North	30
Tai Po	24
Sha Tin	12
Sai Kung	15
Total	180

In 2025-26, the estimated costs for providing SCRBs and RCPs are about \$11.0 million and \$12.9 million respectively, while the operation cost for providing SMRCs is about \$6.2 million.

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