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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, 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.: 24)

Reply:

1. The numbers of illegal refuse deposit blackspots, complaints received, fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued and prosecutions instituted against deposit of refuse or waste in public places in the past 3 years (2022 to 2024), with a breakdown by District Council district, are set out in **Annex**.
2. In 2024, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department installed Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at about 470 illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts across the territory. Prosecutions were instituted and more effective enforcement actions were planned through analyses of the information from the video footage. The estimated expenditure for the installation and operation of IP cameras in 2025-26 is about \$9 million. The Department will continue to review the situation of illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts and deploy IP cameras effectively having regard to the actual needs and available resources. For instance, to combat littering from vehicles by irresponsible drivers or passengers, IP cameras have been installed on roads with central dividers at over 30 suitable locations across the territory in recent months. The footage captured will be used for prosecution so as to enhance law enforcement efficiency.

Table 1: Number of illegal refuse deposit blackspots

District	2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	18	18	18
Wan Chai	18	18	18
Eastern	17	17	19
Southern	14	14	14
Islands	0	2	3
Yau Tsim Mong	25	33	40
Sham Shui Po	25	25	27
Kowloon City	24	24	25
Wong Tai Sin	12	13	13
Kwun Tong	11	11	11
Kwai Tsing	19	19	20
Tsuen Wan	17	17	19
Tuen Mun	30	40	40
Yuen Long	85	92	95
North	25	27	32
Tai Po	21	24	25
Sha Tin	17	17	18
Sai Kung	27	32	33
Total	405	443	470

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

District	2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	45	77	117
Wan Chai	22	41	68
Eastern	63	85	130
Southern	2	8	1
Yau Tsim Mong	170	300	559
Sham Shui Po	57	279	427
Kowloon City	1 847	2 693	2 869
Wong Tai Sin	31	61	95
Kwun Tong	35	45	90
Kwai Tsing	25	65	149
Tsuen Wan	9	7	5
Yuen Long	166	455	323
Tuen Mun	71	121	139
North	26	27	79
Tai Po	5	9	26
Sha Tin	42	68	108
Sai Kung	283	485	636
Islands	5	12	52
Not specified	3	0	2
Total	2 907	4 838	5 875

Table 3: Number of FPNs issued

District	2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	2 782	2 657	2 228
Wan Chai	1 520	1 865	1 717
Eastern	6 402	4 621	2 936
Southern	604	671	537
Yau Tsim Mong	5 658	5 642	4 262
Sham Shui Po	3 437	3 436	3 001
Kowloon City	2 122	1 977	1 509
Wong Tai Sin	826	1 023	852
Kwun Tong	2 417	2 186	1 898
Kwai Tsing	704	673	858
Tsuen Wan	1 908	1 567	1 350
Yuen Long	6 809	5 380	3 745
Tuen Mun	1 233	977	884
North	1 688	1 958	1 751
Tai Po	1 007	1 549	1 437
Sha Tin	1 534	1 956	1 648
Sai Kung	884	930	725
Islands	600	591	607
Total	42 135	39 659	31 945

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

District	2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	2	0	0
Wan Chai	22	89	52
Eastern	3	49	11
Southern	7	147	16
Yau Tsim Mong	35	96	39
Sham Shui Po	4	77	24
Kowloon City	19	109	44
Wong Tai Sin	10	52	3
Kwun Tong	27	38	31
Kwai Tsing	13	37	94
Tsuen Wan	47	29	67
Yuen Long	559	123	1 477
Tuen Mun	44	92	168
North	99	271	571
Tai Po	43	62	149
Sha Tin	64	52	128
Sai Kung	45	61	107
Islands	2	15	51
Total	1 045	1 399	3 032

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