

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

It is noted that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is putting on trial the enhanced refurbishment programme for refuse collection points (RCPs) to upgrade facilities. Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. How many RCPs across the territory have undergone refurbishment works and how many are scheduled for refurbishment?
2. What is the overall expenditure, with a breakdown by manpower and equipment upgrade, etc., for the enhanced refurbishment of RCPs?
3. Some RCPs have started switching to the use of compactors for refuse collection. What are the respective numbers of RCPs across the territory that are using compactors and refuse bins?
4. Has there been any change to the overall hygiene effectiveness after the application of compactors in RCPs?
5. The Environment and Ecology Bureau has previously stated that existing RCPs would be converted into integrated waste collection and recycling points to enhance recycling efficiency. What is the current progress? If there is no such plan at the moment or the plan has been cancelled, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

1. and 2. Since 2020-21, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has been proactively taking forward the refurbishment programme for refuse collection points (RCPs) in collaboration with the Architectural Services Department, with a view to progressively carrying out refurbishment works for off-street RCPs in need. The programme covers 73 off-street RCPs. As at December 2025, the refurbishment works for 21 off-street RCPs had been completed, the actual project cost of which was about \$94.89 million. The works for the remaining 52 RCPs were under detailed design and planning. FEHD does not have a breakdown of the expenditure for the refurbishment works programme.

3. FEHD manages a total of 172 off-street RCPs, 67 of which are equipped with refuse compactors, while the remaining 105 are using refuse bins for temporary refuse storage.
4. Apart from shortening the time for refuse handling and improving operational efficiency, refuse compactors with their sealed design can also effectively reduce odour emission, thereby generally improving the environmental hygiene. FEHD will consider equipping individual RCPs (including those at the planning stage) with refuse compactors based on their operational needs and subject to site conditions.
5. To reduce the amount of refuse sent to landfills and enhance recycling rates, FEHD and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), under the steer of the Environment and Ecology Bureau, jointly co-ordinate the planning and management of all public RCPs and household waste collection services across the territory. Currently, EPD has set up Food Waste Recycling Points at 110 public RCPs under FEHD to facilitate participation in food waste recycling by restaurants and residents nearby. In the planning of new public RCPs, EPD will, where feasible, consider including recycling facilities or setting up Recycling Stores to facilitate the public in recycling during waste disposal, one of which provided inside the newly constructed Environmental Hygiene Complex at Hung Yuen Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long, has commenced operation since September 2025. A public RCP with community recycling facilities provided inside the joint-user building at Anderson Road, Sai Kung is expected to commence operation in the second half of 2026.

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