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Question:

It is mentioned 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. What were the expenditure and staffing of the rear lane cleansing teams set up by the Government to address the rear lane cleanliness issue in each of the past 3 years?
2. Internet Protocol (IP) cameras are installed at rear lanes by the Government to combat hygiene blackspots in recent years. Please set out the number of rear lanes where IP cameras have been installed and the overall expenditure, as well as the numbers of enforcement and prosecution actions taken through the use of IP cameras.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

1. During the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26, the expenditure and number of staff involved in the backlane cleansing teams under the street cleansing contracts of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are as follows.

2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of outsourced staff	Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of outsourced staff	Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of outsourced staff
About 25.7	83	About 25.9	88	About 30.7	93

2. As at February 2026, the Department has installed Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at about 600 illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts across the territory, 36 of which are located in rear lanes. In 2025-26, the Department's expenditure for the installation and operation of IP cameras was about \$8.9 million. Prosecutions were instituted and more effective enforcement actions were planned based on the information from the IP

camera footage. In 2025, 4 991 fixed penalty notices and 2 607 summonses were issued to offenders.

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