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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.: 17)

Reply:

1. The numbers of illegal refuse deposit blackspots, complaints received, fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued and prosecutions instituted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against deposit of refuse or waste in public places in the past 3 years (from 2023 to 2025), with a breakdown by District Council district, are set out in **Annex**.
2. As at February 2026, the Department had installed Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at about 600 illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts across the territory. Prosecutions were instituted and more effective enforcement actions were planned through analyses of information from the video footage. The Department is gradually increasing the number of locations across the territory where IP cameras are installed. The plan is, subject to the effectiveness of IP cameras, to increase the number of locations to about 3 000 to enhance the monitoring and tackling of the acts of illegal refuse deposit, thereby further improving environmental hygiene standards. In particular, the number of IP cameras installed at central dividers of carriageways at suitable locations will be doubled to enhance enforcement efficiency. The estimated expenditure for the installation and operation of IP cameras in 2026-27 is about \$36 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.

Table 1: Number of illegal refuse deposit blackspots

District	2023	2024	2025
Central & Western	18	18	22
Wan Chai	18	18	19
Eastern	17	19	19
Southern	14	14	17
Islands	2	3	7
Yau Tsim Mong	33	40	41
Sham Shui Po	25	27	27
Kowloon City	24	25	27
Wong Tai Sin	13	13	14
Kwun Tong	11	11	13
Kwai Tsing	19	20	22
Tsuen Wan	17	19	21
Tuen Mun	40	40	41
Yuen Long	92	95	139
North	27	32	32
Tai Po	24	25	26
Sha Tin	17	18	20
Sai Kung	32	33	33
Total	443	470	540

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

District	2023	2024	2025
Central & Western	77	117	119
Wan Chai	41	68	173
Eastern	85	130	149
Southern	8	1	1
Yau Tsim Mong	300	559	478
Sham Shui Po	279	427	456
Kowloon City	2 693	2 869	2 843
Wong Tai Sin	61	95	90
Kwun Tong	45	90	84
Kwai Tsing	65	149	188
Tsuen Wan	7	5	15
Yuen Long	455	323	298
Tuen Mun	121	139	124
North	27	79	66
Tai Po	9	26	26
Sha Tin	68	108	70
Sai Kung	485	636	680
Islands	12	52	70
Not specified	0	2	0
Total	4 838	5 875	5 930

Table 3: Number of FPNs issued

District	2023	2024	2025
Central & Western	2 657	2 228	2 349
Wan Chai	1 865	1 717	1 735
Eastern	4 621	2 936	2 484
Southern	671	537	405
Yau Tsim Mong	5 642	4 262	4 913
Sham Shui Po	3 436	3 001	2 917
Kowloon City	1 977	1 509	1 439
Wong Tai Sin	1 023	852	969
Kwun Tong	2 186	1 898	1 269
Kwai Tsing	673	858	1 024
Tsuen Wan	1 567	1 350	1 572
Yuen Long	5 380	3 745	3 945
Tuen Mun	977	884	1 031
North	1 958	1 751	1 980
Tai Po	1 549	1 437	1 435
Sha Tin	1 956	1 648	1 592
Sai Kung	930	725	991
Islands	591	607	601
Total	39 659	31 945	32 651

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

District	2023	2024	2025
Central & Western	0	0	0
Wan Chai	89	52	39
Eastern	49	11	29
Southern	147	16	37
Yau Tsim Mong	96	39	106
Sham Shui Po	77	24	101
Kowloon City	109	44	85
Wong Tai Sin	52	3	23
Kwun Tong	38	31	79
Kwai Tsing	37	94	40
Tsuen Wan	29	67	117
Yuen Long	123	1 477	925
Tuen Mun	92	168	176
North	271	571	557
Tai Po	62	149	206
Sha Tin	52	128	96
Sai Kung	61	107	190
Islands	15	51	223
Total	1 399	3 032	3 029

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