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Question:

With regard to fly-tipping in rural areas in the New Territories, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) How many refuse collection points are there in rural areas and how are they distributed?
- (2) How many collection points for recyclables in rural areas and how are they distributed?
- (3) What is the average cost of each refuse compactor under the “pilot scheme of using solar-powered refuse compactors” implemented by the Government?
- (4) Further to the above question, what is the damage rate of the refuse compactors so far? What is the mean time to repair?
- (5) How many refuse blackspots in rural areas have been installed with closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) and how effective are they? Will installation of additional CCTVs be considered in the future?
- (6) What is the progress of the installation of global positioning systems in such vehicles as dump trucks by the Government?
- (7) What are the targeted measures in place to tackle the problem of fly-tipping in rural areas?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

- (1) In 2025, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) managed 907 village-type refuse collection points (RCPs)/RCPs with temporary structures in rural areas (i.e. in the New Territories and outlying islands). Information on their number and distribution is as follows:

District	Number of village-type RCPs/ RCPs with temporary structures
Kwai Tsing	22
Tsuen Wan	53
Tuen Mun	59

District	Number of village-type RCPs/ RCPs with temporary structures
Yuen Long	200
North	158
Tai Po	105
Sha Tin	70
Sai Kung	138
Islands	102

- (2) As at the end of 2025, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) had provided around 850 sets of kerb-side recycling bins in rural areas to facilitate the recycling of the most common recyclables (i.e. plastics, waste paper and metals) by rural residents.

Information on the distribution of kerb-side recycling bins in various districts is as follows:

District	Number of kerb-side recycling bins (sets)
	2025
Sha Tin	65
Tai Po	131
North	140
Sai Kung	157
Tsuen Wan	45
Kwai Tsing	10
Yuen Long	136
Tuen Mun	41
Islands	118
Total:	843

- (3)&(4) To further enhance the hardware of refuse collection facilities in rural areas and improve the environmental hygiene in the vicinity, FEHD has launched a pilot scheme since 2020 by placing solar-powered refuse compactors (SRCs) in rural RCPs with a higher refuse yield. Each SRC can handle around 4 to 8 tonnes of household refuse each time (equivalent to the capacity of 40 to 80 660-litre waste containers), which can greatly reduce the space for storing refuse. With enclosed design to effectively prevent pest infestation and remove odour, they are suitable to be provided at rural locations with a higher refuse yield and sufficient space. There is generally positive feedback from the community stakeholders, who opine that the new facilities can enhance the environmental hygiene of rural areas. To date, SRCs have been provided at 21 suitable rural locations. The average monthly service charge for each SRC is \$29,800.

FEHD staff will inspect the operation of SRCs regularly and inform the service contractors for repair and maintenance as necessary to ensure smooth operation of the facilities. In 2025, there were 8 cases of SRC faults and the contractors were able to carry out repair works within the specified time (normally not more than 24 hours) as required by the contracts.

- (5)&(7) FEHD spares no effort in combating illegal dumping in rural areas for maintaining environmental hygiene. With a view to enhancing enforcement efficiency, resources are deployed flexibly according to actual circumstances and enforcement actions are taken in a multi-pronged approach, which includes arranging dedicated enforcement teams in plain clothes to take enforcement actions and installing Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at illegal refuse deposit blackspots so that prosecutions can be instituted or more effective enforcement actions can be planned through analyses of the information obtained from the video footage.

As at February 2026, about 600 illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts across the territory had been installed with IP cameras, 240 of which were located in rural areas. In 2025, 4 991 fixed penalty notices and 2 607 summonses were issued to offenders based on the information from the video footage of the IP cameras. FEHD will continue to review the situation of illegal refuse deposit blackspots in various districts (including rural areas) and deploy IP cameras effectively having regard to the actual needs and available resources. FEHD is progressively increasing the number of locations with IP cameras installed across the territory. If this proves to be effective, it plans to increase the number from the current 500 or so to approximately 3 000 in 2026, so as to strengthen the monitoring work, combat illegal refuse deposit (including that in rural areas), and further enhance environmental hygiene standards.

- (6) The Government has taken the lead to require contractors to install Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking devices in all of their construction waste collection vehicles under larger-scale public works contracts. EPD has, in collaboration with the Development Bureau, co-ordinated with relevant works departments to install the above devices in construction waste collection vehicles under over 80 public works contracts on a trial basis. The relevant project offices will strengthen the monitoring of vehicles installed with GPS tracking devices under their contracts as appropriate and necessary. EPD will continue to pursue the adoption of GPS in construction waste collection vehicles under suitable public works contracts to enhance management of construction waste.

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