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Question:

Regarding the efforts to tackle hygiene blackspots, please advise this Committee of:

- a) the initial and revised numbers of hygiene blackspots to be tackled in each of the 18 districts each year since the launch of the Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots, as well as the effectiveness of the Programme; and
- b) the manpower and expenditure required for tackling hygiene blackspots in each of the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

- a) Launched in August 2022, the Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots is led by the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration and involves various departments. When the Programme commenced, there were 663 hygiene blackspots to be tackled. With the launch of a webpage (www.hygieneblackspots.gov.hk) in January 2023, which enabled the public to provide feedback on hygiene blackspots, the number of hygiene blackspots on the list once increased from 663 to 738 according to the feedback from various groups and members of the public. After continuous and careful review of the situation of the hygiene blackspots and proactive follow-up actions by the relevant departments, as at February 2026, the number of hygiene blackspots was reduced from 738 to 66, of which 45 were under the purview of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. The number of hygiene blackspots, with a breakdown by District Council district, is provided in Annex.
- b) To tie in with the Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots, the Department adopts a multi-pronged approach to enhance street cleansing and pest control work with existing resources. Contractors are required to deploy resources in accordance with the service contract terms, and provide street cleansing and pest control services in a timely manner to address the situation of individual hygiene blackspots. Hence, no additional expenditure is involved. The Department does not keep a breakdown of the manpower required for tackling the hygiene blackspots.

District	August 2022		July 2023		March 2025		February 2026	
	Number of hygiene blackspots (All departments)	Number of hygiene blackspots (FEHD)	Number of hygiene blackspots (All departments)	Number of hygiene blackspots (FEHD)	Number of hygiene blackspots (All departments)	Number of hygiene blackspots (FEHD)	Number of hygiene blackspots (All departments)	Number of hygiene blackspots (FEHD)
Central & Western	65	14	66	15	4	4	4	4
Wan Chai	16	10	18	12	3	2	2	1
Eastern	22	14	24	16	7	6	5	5
Southern	9	3	10	4	2	1	2	1
Yau Tsim Mong	26	4	59	33	23	18	13	9
Sham Shui Po	24	17	31	24	5	5	3	3
Kowloon City	87	31	91	35	10	10	3	3
Wong Tai Sin	22	5	25	8	3	3	1	1
Kwun Tong	24	11	26	13	3	3	1	1
Tsuen Wan	23	11	23	11	4	2	3	1
Tuen Mun	27	11	31	13	10	7	8	6
Yuen Long	25	16	30	21	11	9	9	7
North	60	10	62	12	8	2	6	0
Tai Po	134	2	135	3	0	0	0	0
Sai Kung	10	1	10	1	0	0	0	0
Sha Tin	20	10	22	11	6	4	3	3
Kwai Tsing	11	4	15	5	3	1	1	0
Islands	58	7	60	7	4	0	2	0
Total	663	181	738	244	106	77	66	45

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