

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding the Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots launched across the territory, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) How many complaints against illegal deposit of refuse were received in various districts in the past 3 years?
- (2) How many prosecutions has the Government instituted against the act of illegal deposit of refuse after the amendment of the Fixed Penalty Ordinance?
- (3) Has the problem of illegal deposit of refuse been improved since the implementation of the Programme and related measures? Were the relevant key performance indicators (KPI) set by the Government met?
- (4) What is the total number of closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems currently in place for monitoring hygiene blackspots? What is the number of successful prosecutions made by tracing the relevant footage? What is the proportion of this number out of the total number of prosecutions?
- (5) Further to the above question, will the Government introduce further measures in the coming year to combat illegal deposit of refuse? If yes, what are the targets and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

- (1) The number of complaints received against illegal deposit of refuse in the past 3 years (from 2023 to 2025), with a breakdown by District Council district, is set out in **Annex**.
- (2) and (3) The amended Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570) came into effect on 22 October 2023. Under the Ordinance, the levels of fixed penalties for littering and illegal disposal of large amounts of waste in public places were raised to \$3,000 and \$6,000 respectively. According to records, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department issued 30 047 and 32 971 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) respectively for the above offences during the same period in each year from 22 October 2023 to

21 October 2025, i.e. an average of 31 509 notices per year, representing a drop of nearly 30% as compared with 44 075 notices during the same period in the year before the legislative amendment. It shows that the increase in the fixed penalty levels and the enforcement actions of the Government have achieved a substantial deterrent effect, which contributes towards the objective of improving environmental hygiene.

- (4) and (5) The Department will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach that includes heightened efforts in street cleansing, inspection, law enforcement, public education and publicity to further combat illegal deposit of refuse. In this regard, Internet Protocol (IP) cameras are used to assist in the monitoring and enforcement work. As at February 2026, IP cameras had been installed 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. In 2025, based on the information from the video footage captured by the IP cameras, 2 607 summonses were issued to offenders, accounting for about 85% of the total number of prosecutions instituted against illegal deposit of refuse or waste. Enforcement actions were also planned based on the video footage and 4 991 FPNs were issued. The Department is progressively increasing the number of locations for installation of IP cameras across Hong Kong. If it proves to be effective, there are plans to increase the number of locations to about 3 000 to enhance the monitoring and tackling of the acts of illegal deposit of refuse, thereby further improving environmental hygiene. The estimated expenditure for the installation and operation of IP cameras in 2026-27 is about \$36 million.

**Number of complaints received against illegal deposit of refuse**

<b>District</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 838</b>	<b>5 875</b>	<b>5 930</b>

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