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來函檔號 YOUR REF:

1 March 2021

Ms Wendy JAN
Clerk
Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
1 Legislative Council Road, Central
Hong Kong

Dear Ms JAN,

Public Accounts Committee
Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 75
Government's efforts in tackling shoreline refuse

I refer to your letter dated 19 February 2021 concerning the above subject. Our responses are set out below -

Matters concerning the provision of additional cleansing workers

2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) may, as special circumstances may require, ask cleansing services contractors to deploy additional manpower for instant clearance or cleansing operation on the day-to-day management of the leisure venues. Details of the arrangement have been set out in the Contract Management Manual of LCSD, which stipulates the matters requiring attention from venue management staff when requiring contractor to provide additional services under the contract, including the justifications for such requirements and record of certification by supervisor. LCSD has reminded the management staff of beaches to manage requests of providing additional cleansing workers by contractor in accordance with the established contract management mechanism.

3. LCSD provides in-house guideline for staff to deal with large amount of sea-borne refuse at gazetted beaches in the Guidelines on Management of Public Beaches, which spells out that additional manpower should be deployed for clearance if unusually plenty of shoreline refuse are identified at any gazetted beach. A relevant information note on the guidelines is set out in Annex I. Besides, for special or emergency occasions, such as holiday celebrations including Dragon Boat Festival and Mid-Autumn Festival or a sudden surge of refuse after typhoons or rainstorms, management staff of beaches will employ additional cleansing workers to assist in the clearance work on a need basis. The management staff of beaches will assess

the additional manpower required in light of the refuse found at the scene and taking into account the past operating experience.

4. The aim of deploying additional cleansing workers to carry out cleansing operations at venue is mainly to clear or clean up a large amount of refuse or dirty environment owing to special circumstances within a short time, and restore the venue to a clean condition as soon as possible with a view to reducing the inconvenience caused to users and complaints that may arise out of the situation. LCSD will take into account the state of cleanliness of beaches and complaint figures for assessing the effectiveness of cleansing services.

Provision of water dispensers

5. Provision of water dispensers at gazetted beaches, parks, harbourfront promenades and other leisure venues of LCSD is meant to provide better facilities to enable members of the public to drink water after exercising rather than being solely adopted as a measure to promote environmental protection and reduce waste from entering the marine environment. Hence, there is practical necessity for such provision. LCSD will render full support to the Environmental Protection Department in its effort to assess the effectiveness of such provision.

6. In addition to ordinary refuse collection bins, waste separation bins are also provided at the gazetted beaches of LCSD for, inter alia, collecting waste plastics. Please refer to Annex II for the quantities of various types of waste plastics collected from waste separation bins at the gazetted beaches in the past 3 years. LCSD does not maintain a further breakdown (e.g. plastic bottle) of the quantities of waste plastics collected.

7. For further information, please feel free to contact me at 2601 8966.

Yours sincerely,



(Mr Horman CHAN)
for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

公眾泳灘管理指引

康樂及文化事務署
康樂事務部-第一分科
水上活動場地小組

2019年8月版

丙部

(11) 大量海面垃圾(請同時參閱-「應對境內發現大量海漂垃圾的指引」)

在泳灘開放給公眾人士期間，在任何憲報公布泳灘發現有不尋常大量(即比平日多五倍或以上)的海面垃圾時：

- 泳灘主管通知分區康樂事務經理，分區經理隨即通知水上活動場地組，由水上活動場地組通報環境保護署水質政策科。若有需要環保署會根據海上垃圾通報機制，向各相關部門提供資訊及統籌清理海上垃圾。
- 泳灘康樂助理員透過手提揚聲器及擴音系統作出「發現大量海面垃圾」的廣播(甲部(10)第54項)
- 泳灘康樂助理員在告示板展示公告(甲部(9)第94項)
- 加派人手清理海面垃圾
- 通知環境保護署職員採取海水樣本作分析

環境保護主任(水質政策及科學)11[電話: 2594 6168 / 9433 8974。]

- 當垃圾被清理後，移除發現海面垃圾告示(甲部(9)第94項)
- 如發現在鄰近其他部門的權責範圍內有海上或沿岸垃圾積聚時，應盡快通知有關部門跟進清理，避免/減少垃圾沖至泳灘範圍。
- 有關告示摘錄如下：

發現大量海面垃圾(清理前)公告 (甲部(9)第94項)
公告
_____泳灘現時發現的海上垃圾較平日為多，現正加強清理。
康樂及文化事務署
Notice
Sudden surge of refuse is found drifting off the _____ Beach. Cleansing works have been stepped up.
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(2014年4月修訂)

(2018年4月修訂)

***Note by Clerk, PAC: Chinese version only.**

**Quantities of waste plastics collected from
gazetted beaches of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
from 2018 to 2020**

Quantities of waste plastics collected (kg)		
2018	2019	2020
6 118	7 077	4 626

Remarks : The table contains the total weight of various types of waste plastics collected each year. LCSD does not maintain data on the actual quantities of plastic bottle collected.