

Legislative Council Panel on Development

Reply to Hon Elizabeth QUAT's Letter dated 30 May 2019

On 30 May 2019, Hon Elizabeth QUAT sent a letter to the Chairman of Legislative Council Panel on Development requesting the Administration to follow up the incident of shooting activity scraps found in the vicinity of Shing Mun Catchwater and Shing Mun Reservoir, and to give an account of the water quality in the catchwater and reservoir. Our reply is as follows: -

In March this year, the Water Supplies Department (WSD) received complaints from the public about the finding of shooting activity scraps in the vicinity of Shing Mun Catchwater and Shing Mun Reservoir. After investigation, WSD found that the scraps were likely originated from the Hong Kong Gun Club (HKGC). WSD followed up the case with HKGC immediately afterwards and sent officers to visit HKGC's premises in April for investigation and collection of evidence in accordance with the Waterworks Ordinance, including meeting and taking statement from relevant persons. Now, WSD has completed the investigation and collection of evidence and is seeking legal advice for the next course of action.

Right after the collection of evidence, WSD arranged their contractor to clean up the shooting activity scraps found in the vicinity of Shing Mun Catchwater and Shing Mun Reservoir. Now, most of the scraps have been removed and the cleaning up is expected to be completed by the end of June. Meanwhile, upon WSD's request, HKGC has developed preventive measures to prevent the shooting activity scraps from entering the catchwater, including enlarging the size of the existing mesh barrier on the skeet shooting range, erecting screen barriers at the site boundary along the catchwater, and engaging cleaning company to clean up the scraps regularly. WSD will continue to follow up with HKGC on the implementation of these preventive measures.

Besides, WSD takes water samples from Shing Mun Reservoir periodically for monitoring the water quality. The test results indicated

that the water quality of Shing Mun Reservoir is normal. WSD also took water samples at the catchwater in the vicinity of HKGC for testing and the test results indicated that the water quality was normal. WSD will strengthen the inspection of the concerned areas and liaise with HKGC regularly with a view to reviewing the effectiveness of their preventive measures.

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