

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**Response to Follow-up Action**

**Arising from Discussion at the EAP Meeting on 28 October 2019**

**The follow-up action arising from the discussion at the meeting of 28 October 2019 on the Briefing by the Secretary for the Environment on the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address includes the following:**

*(b) The Administration has to provide the statistics to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Administration's enforcement actions in tackling the fly-tipping of construction and demolition waste ("C&D" waste), such as (i) the number of dedicated enforcement teams set up by the Environmental Protection Department and/or Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for the purpose and the number of staff involved, (ii) the frequency of inspections and number of surveillance camera systems installed at fly-tipping black spots, (iii) the number of successful prosecutions, and (iv) the number of locations that have been removed from the list of C&D waste fly-tipping black spots due to improvement in their environmental hygiene conditions.*

Combating illegal disposal of construction waste is part of the integrated enforcement of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). Our replies are given below:

- (i) About 15 number of enforcement teams in EPD are now regularly deployed for the purpose of tackling fly-tipping of construction and demolition waste, with a total of about 40 number of staff involved. To step up the efforts, EPD has set up 4 additional dedicated enforcement teams each with 4 staff members to monitor illegal disposal of construction waste and carry out proactive inspections to fly-tipping black spots in various districts. At the same time, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has set up 27 dedicated enforcement teams with 135 officers to strengthen law enforcement actions against public cleanliness offences including littering.

- (ii) & (iii) As at September 2019, EPD has installed surveillance camera systems at about 115 illegal waste disposal locations. The number of inspections, as well as the number of successful prosecutions involving illegal disposal of construction waste handled by EPD under relevant Ordinances in the past 5 years are summarized as follows:

	Year					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Jan -Sept)
Number of Inspections	8 430	9 198	9 252	6 956	7 029	5 356
Number of Prosecutions completed						
(1) Number of Convictions by Summons	44	58	107	83	84	47
(2) Number of Fixed Penalty Notices Issued	18	18	29	23	52	31
(3) Number of successful prosecutions [(1) + (2)]	62	76	136	106	136	78

Note: In 2018, EPD conducted 12 254 inspections and completed 421 successful prosecutions against illegal disposal of waste (including construction waste and municipal solid waste).

- (iv) With the continual enforcement efforts, a decreasing trend in the number of fly-tipping black spots of construction waste in recent years is observed, from the peak of 70 numbers in 2017 to 24 numbers at present.

Besides, the amount of construction waste illegally disposed of in public places and on government land cleared by the Government in 2018 had been significantly reduced by 45% as compared with 2017. The corresponding figure in the first half of 2019 was even reduced by 51% from that in the second half of 2018.

The above figures show signs of overall improvement by various enforcement measures, which have helped reduce the illegal disposal of construction waste.