

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB317****(Question Serial No. 5572)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (1) What was the quantity of land and marine refuse collected from public beach cleaning operations each year in the past 3 years?
- (2) What was the expenditure spent on removing land and marine refuse from public beaches each year in the past 3 years?
- (3) On how many occasions were public beaches closed due to pollution in the past 3 years? Please tabulate the beaches involved, dates of closure, numbers of days of closure, types of pollutants involved, quantities of pollutants collected and the expenditure for the cleanups.
- (4) Regarding the incident in September 2018 wherein Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach, Golden Beach and Cafeteria New Beach in Tuen Mun District were polluted by a large quantity of oil spill, what was the amount of oil spill cleaned up? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in the cleanup?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 402)Reply:

- (1) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages 41 gazetted beaches. The amount of refuse collected within the gazetted beaches in the past 3 years is set out below –

Year	Amount of Refuse Collected (Tonnes)		
	Land Refuse	Marine Refuse	Total
2016-17	7 190	3 556	10 746
2017-18	6 800	2 711	9 511
2018-19 (The first 11 months)	5 955	2 416	8 372

- (2) As removal of refuse from beaches is part of the cleansing works carried out by cleansing workers at beaches, LCSD does not have separate breakdown on the expenditure for removing refuse from beaches in the past 3 years.
- (3) Statistics relating to number of cases involving handling of oil spills/palm stearin spillage incidents which required temporary closure of beaches in the past 3 years is set out at **Annex**. LCSD does not have statistics on the amount of spilled oil and separate breakdown on the related expenditure of the cleanup operations. For the palm stearin spillage incident in August 2017, LCSD collected around 77 tonnes of palm stearin in the affected beaches.
- (4) As regards the oil spillage incidents happened at Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach, Golden Beach and Cafeteria New Beach in September 2018, LCSD does not have statistics on the amount of spilled oil and separate breakdown on the related expenditure of the cleanup operations. The cleanup work was carried out by existing manpower at these beaches.

**Information of Oil/Palm Stearin Spillage Incidents at Public Beaches of
Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2016**

District	Beach	No. of Cases	Date of Closure	No. of Days of Closure	Type of Spillage Incident
Southern	Chung Hom Kok Beach	1	17 - 20 July	4	Oil Spill
Islands	Lo So Shing Beach	1	29 May - 2 June	5	Oil Spill
	Silver Mine Bay Beach	1	9 - 14 May	6	Oil Spill
	Pui O Beach	1	3 - 7 May	5	Oil Spill
Tsuen Wan	Hoi Mei Wan Beach	1*	14 - 19 May	6	Oil Spill
	Casam Beach	1*	13 - 19 May	7	Oil Spill
	Lido Beach	1*	13 - 19 May	7	Oil Spill
	Ting Kau Beach	1*	13 - 19 May	7	Oil Spill
	Approach Beach	1*	13 - 19 May	7	Oil Spill

Note:

* refers to the same oil spill incident in 2016.

**Information of Oil/Palm Stearin Spillage Incidents at
Public Beaches of LCSD in 2017**

District	Beach	No. of Cases	Date of Closure	No. of Days of Closure	Type of Spillage Incident
Southern	Deep Water Bay Beach	1 [#]	8 - 16 August	9	Palm Stearin
	Repulse Bay Beach	1 [#]	6 - 16 August	11	Palm Stearin
	Middle Bay Beach	1 [#]	6 - 11 August	6	Palm Stearin
	South Bay Beach	1 [#]	6 - 14 August	9	Palm Stearin
	Chung Hom Kok Beach	1 [#]	6 - 16 August	11	Palm Stearin
	St Stephen's Beach	1 [#]	7 - 15 August	9	Palm Stearin
	Turtle Cove Beach	1 [#]	8 - 11 August	4	Palm Stearin
Islands	Hung Shing Yeh Beach	1 [#]	6 - 18 August	13	Palm Stearin
	Lo So Shing Beach	1 [#]	6 - 18 August	13	Palm Stearin
	Pui O Beach	1 [#]	6 - 15 August	10	Palm Stearin
	Upper Cheung Sha Beach	1 [#]	6 - 11 August	6	Palm Stearin
	Lower Cheung Sha Beach	1 [#]	6 - 11 August	6	Palm Stearin
	Tong Fuk Beach	1 [#]	6 - 11 August	6	Palm Stearin
Tsuen Wan	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach	1	20 - 24 April	5	Oil Spill
	Anglers' Beach	1	23 - 26 September	4	Oil Spill
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Beach	1	24 - 25 August	2	Oil Spill
	Castle Peak Beach	1	11 - 15 August	5	Oil Spill
	Golden Beach	1	19 - 23 January	5	Oil Spill

Note:

[#] refers to the same palm stearin incident in 2017.

**Information of Oil/Palm Stearin Spillage Incidents at
Public Beaches of LCSD in 2018**

District	Beach	No. of Cases	Date of Closure	No. of Days of Closure	Type of Spillage Incident
Tsuen Wan	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach	1	9 - 13 September	5	Oil Spill
Tuen Mun	Cafeteria New Beach	1 [@]	14 September	1	Oil Spill
	Golden Beach	1 [@]	14 September	1	Oil Spill

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[@] refers to the same oil spill incident in 2018.

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