

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB283****(Question Serial No. 4022)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)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.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 304)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 |
| 2017-18 | 6 800 | 2 711 | 9 511 |
| 2018-19 | 6 410 | 2 595 | 9 005 |
| 2019-20 (The first 10 months) | 5 074 | 2 025 | 7 099 |

- (2) As removal of refuse from beaches forms part of the cleansing work at beaches, the LCSD does not have separate breakdown on the expenditure for removing refuse at 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**. The 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, the LCSD collected around 77 tonnes of palm stearin in the affected beaches.

**Information of Oil/Palm Stearin Spillage Incidents at
Public Beaches of the 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 ⁽¹⁾ | 8 - 16 August | 9 | Palm Stearin |
| | Repulse Bay Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 16 August | 11 | Palm Stearin |
| | Middle Bay Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 11 August | 6 | Palm Stearin |
| | South Bay Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 14 August | 9 | Palm Stearin |
| | Chung Hom Kok Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 16 August | 11 | Palm Stearin |
| | St Stephen's Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 7 - 15 August | 9 | Palm Stearin |
| | Turtle Cove Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 8 - 11 August | 4 | Palm Stearin |
| Islands | Hung Shing Yeh Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 18 August | 13 | Palm Stearin |
| | Lo So Shing Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 18 August | 13 | Palm Stearin |
| | Pui O Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 15 August | 10 | Palm Stearin |
| | Upper Cheung Sha Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 11 August | 6 | Palm Stearin |
| | Lower Cheung Sha Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 6 - 11 August | 6 | Palm Stearin |
| | Tong Fuk Beach | 1 ⁽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

(1) refers to the same palm stearin incident in 2017.

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| Tsuen Wan | Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach | 1 | 9 - 13 September | 5 | Oil Spill |
| Tuen Mun | Cafeteria New Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 14 September | 1 | Oil Spill |
| | Golden Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 14 September | 1 | Oil Spill |

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Southern | Repulse Bay Beach | 2 | 24 - 28 June | 5 | Oil Spill |
| | | | 12 - 16 July | 5 | Oil Spill |
| | Big Wave Bay Beach | 1 | 27 - 30 Nov | 4 | Oil Spill |
| Islands | Silver Mine Bay Beach | 1 | 26 April - 1 May | 6 | Oil Spill |
| Tsuen Wan | Casam Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 22 - 24 July | 3 | Oil Spill |
| | Lido Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 22 - 24 July | 3 | Oil Spill |
| | Hoi Mei Wan Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 22 - 24 July | 3 | Oil Spill |
| | Approach Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 22 - 24 July | 3 | Oil Spill |
| | Ting Kau Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 22 - 24 July | 3 | Oil Spill |
| | Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 22 - 24 July | 3 | Oil Spill |
| | Anglers' Beach | 1 | 14 - 18 May | 5 | Oil Spill |
| Tuen Mun | Golden Beach | 1 | 13 - 19 February | 7 | Oil Spill |

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