

LEGCO QUESTION NO. 5

Annex

A breakdown by the constituency areas of the District Councils of the public complaints related to “fresh water supplies with foreign objects” arising from the government water supply system and the cases of “foreign objects confirmed to be bitumen” as received by the Water Supplies Department in 2014 are shown in the tables below:

| Fresh Water Supplies with Foreign Objects | | Year 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------------|----------|-----|----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
| Hong Kong & Islands Region | Central & Western | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Southern | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Eastern | | | | | | 1 [^] | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Islands | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon Region | Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| | Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kowloon City | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Territories East Region | Sha Tin | | | | | | | 2* | | | | | | 2 |
| | Sai Kung | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Tai Po | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | North | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Territories West Region | Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| | Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Monthly Total | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 6 |

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| Foreign Objects Confirmed to be Bitumen | | Year 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|--|----------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
| Hong Kong & Islands Region | Central & Western | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Southern | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Eastern | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Islands | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon Region | Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kowloon City | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Territories East Region | Sha Tin | | | | | | | 2* | | | | | | 2 |
| | Sai Kung | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tai Po | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | North | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Territories West Region | Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Monthly Total | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | 2 |

Notes:

1. The blank boxes denote no complaint of “fresh water supplies with foreign objects” was received and no case for “those foreign objects confirmed to be bitumen”.
2. * There were 352 and 44 complaints about water quality related to bitumen particles in fresh water supply from the housing estates at Sha Tin Wai area on July 19 and 30, 2014 respectively.
3. ^ There were 11 complaints about water quality arising from the incident that occurred on June 8, 2014.
4. Certain sediments (such as traces of iron or other minerals) in the water mains may be stirred up by water current generated by the resumption of water supply after a period of suspension. Such was the case for all remaining cases that did not confirm findings of bitumen. The sediments that accumulate in the pipes are generally hydrated lime and traces of iron or minerals, which would not affect people’s health or the water quality.