

Annex 3 to Legislative Council Question No 22

Statistics on the main types of waste recovered and disposed of at landfills from C&I and domestic (mainly including residential buildings, public organizations and public places) over the past few years

Year		2012	2013	2014
Paper	Total recovery quantity in Hong Kong ('000 tonne)	1 162	1 035	948
	Quantity disposed of at landfills ('000 tonnes)	697	666	702
	Percentage of recovery (%)	63	61	58
	Quantity collected through recycling bins at public places (tonnes)	525	519	526
	Percentage in total recovered quantity in Hong Kong (%)	0.05	0.05	0.06
Plastic	Total recovery quantity in Hong Kong ('000 tonne)	317	243	99
	Quantity disposed of at landfills ('000 tonnes)	668	681	736
	Percentage of recovery (%)	32	26	12
	Quantity collected through recycling bins at public places (tonnes)	165	174	357
	Percentage in total recovered quantity in Hong Kong (%)	0.05	0.07	0.36
Metal	Total recovery quantity in Hong Kong ('000 tonne)	578	602	921
	Quantity disposed of at landfills ('000 tonnes)	87	65	76
	Percentage of recovery (%)	87	90	92
	Quantity collected through	15	17	63

recycling bins at public places (tonnes)			
Percentage in total recovered quantity in Hong Kong (%)	0.003	0.003	0.007

Note:

1. Relevant statistics for 2015 are still being collected and compiled.
2. The quantities recovered through recycling bins at public places refer to the quantities of recyclables collected from the recycling bins provided by the FEHD, LCSD and AFCD, including those at schools and clinics. The EPD does not have a complete set of data on the quantities of recyclables recovered via recycling bins and facilities at other places.
3. Percentage of recovery = Total recovery quantity in Hong Kong / (Total recovery quantity in Hong Kong + Quantity disposed of at landfills) × 100%.
4. Disposal quantity and recovery percentage are calculated on a wet weight basis.
5. Given that some recyclables in the bins are taken away by scavengers, the quantity of recyclables collected may not fully reflect the effectiveness of WSB.