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Question:

It is mentioned that in the coming financial year, the Drainage Services Department will "continue with the design and commence the construction of transforming King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River". However, to properly resolve the odour problem of this type of nullah and its surrounding area so as to attract more citizens to get closer to water bodies, we cannot solely depend on revitalisation works. The Drainage Services Department also needs to resolve the expedient connection issue after revitalisation. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the number of expedient connection cases handled by the Drainage Services Department every year by District Council District over the past five years;
2. among the aforementioned figures, the number of cases discovered by the Drainage Services Department while conducting proactive inspections and the number of cases reported by the public;
3. any measures in place to enhance the efficiency of handling expedient connection cases. If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 483)

Reply:

1. In the past five years, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) all together handled 78 cases of expedient connections to public drainage systems. Their distribution by District Council District is as follows:

Central & Western District: 3 cases in 2018 (3 cases in total)

Eastern District: 1 case in 2016 (1 case in total)

Southern District: 1 case in 2015; 1 case in 2017; 2 cases in 2018 (4 cases in total)

Wanchai District: 2 cases in 2017; 4 cases in 2018 (6 cases in total)

Kowloon City District: 1 case in 2015; 1 case in 2017; 3 cases in 2018 (5 cases in total)

Kwun Tong District: 7 cases in 2015; 1 case in 2016 (8 cases in total)

Sham Shui Po District: 3 cases in 2017; 1 case in 2018 (4 cases in total)

Yau Tsim Mong District: 1 case in 2015; 7 cases in 2016; 6 cases in 2017; 17 cases in 2018 (31 cases in total)

Wong Tai Sin District: 1 case in 2015; 1 case in 2016; 3 cases in 2017 (5 cases in total)

Islands District: no case in the past 5 years

Kwai Tsing District: no case in the past 5 years

North District: no case in the past 5 years

Sai Kung District: no case in the past 5 years

Sha Tin District: no case in the past 5 years

Tai Po District: no case in the past 5 years

Tsuen Wan District: 1 case in 2014; 3 cases in 2015; 1 case in 2017; 2 cases in 2018 (7 cases in total)

Tuen Mun District: no case in the past 5 years

Yuen Long District: 1 case in 2016; 3 cases in 2018 (4 cases in total)

2. Among the above 78 cases that have been handled, 13 were discovered by DSD during its proactive inspections, and one was reported to DSD by a member of the public. The other 64 cases were referred by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).
3. Apart from regular inspection of public drainages, DSD has all along maintained close liaison with relevant departments such as EPD and proactively handled cases referred by it. DSD also ties in with its investigations in illegal discharge of sewage.

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