

## 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:

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

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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													
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Kowloon Region	Kwun Tong													
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	Tuen Mun													
	<b>Monthly Total</b>							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.