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Question:
Regarding the bunkering of fishing vessels under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation, please advise on:

(a) the respective numbers of floating marine bunkering points and mobile oil barges in Hong Kong in the past three years (2016-17 to 2018-19);
(b) the respective changes, if any, of the designated bunkering areas in the past three years (2016-17 to 2018-19); and
(c) the Government’s plan, if any, to establish new designated bunkering areas in the future.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)

Reply:
(a) & (b)
The number of designated bunkering areas within Hong Kong waters and licensed oil carriers in the past three years are set out as follows:

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<th>Year (As at year end)</th>
<th>Number of Designated Bunkering Areas</th>
<th>Number of Licensed Oil Carriers</th>
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<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>162</td>
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<td>2017</td>
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(c)
There are currently eight designated bunkering areas within Hong Kong waters for oil carriers to supply bunker to vessels, which are located near the major berthing place for local vessels (including fishing vessels) to suit their needs. The Government has no plan to establish new designated bunkering areas in the near future.

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