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Question:

Regarding the improvement measures for typhoon shelters, please advise on the following:

- (a) Law enforcement taken by the Marine Department (MD) in the past 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23) regarding vessels being solicited for rewards when berthing in typhoon shelters. Apart from law enforcement actions, does MD have any other measures to maintain the safety and order in typhoon shelters? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?
- (b) Recently, boat lifts are used by some people to store pleasure vessels temporarily not in use in some typhoon shelters. As the above facilities cause obstruction and endanger the safety of other vessels, what are the details of the prevailing monitoring measures taken by MD against such facilities?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- (a) The Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and the Marine Department (MD) have stepped up patrols in typhoon shelters and conducted a total of 24 joint operations to curb any illegal activities in the past three years (2020-2022). So far, no illegal activity of soliciting for rewards has been found. MD will continue to join hands with HKPF to monitor the situation, as well as to conduct regular patrols and joint operations to ensure the safe and orderly berthing of vessels within typhoon shelters.

The implementation of the above measures forms part of the normal duties of the staff concerned and is undertaken with existing resources. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved.

- (b) Boat lifts are mainly used for the carriage of small vessels and pose no immediate safety concern. MD will continue to closely monitor the situation to ensure that they do not block any passage way or cause obstruction to other vessels in typhoon shelters.

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