

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding the management of Public Cargo Working Areas (PCWAs), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please set out the following information for each of the 6 PCWAs in the territory in the past 3 financial years:
  - (a) the total numbers of berthing spaces, the average annual utilisation rates, as well as the numbers and percentages of vacant berthing spaces of each PCWA;
  - (b) the total annual cargo throughput handled by each PCWA; and
  - (c) the main types of cargo handled by each PCWA.
2. What are the numbers of inspections conducted by the Government at each PCWA and the manpower expenditures involved in such inspections in the past 3 years?
3. Regarding the New Yau Ma Tei Public Cargo Working Area, what are the numbers of fire incidents occurred in the past 3 years? What are the causes of the incidents, the subsequent follow-up actions and improvement measures?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

1. The utilisation situations of the Public Cargo Working Areas (PCWAs) in 2023, 2024 and 2025 are as follows:

<b>2023</b>					
<b>PCWA</b>	<b>Total no. of berthing spaces</b>	<b>No. and percentage of berthing spaces in use</b>	<b>No. and percentage of vacant berthing spaces</b>	<b>Total cargo throughput (tonnes)*</b>	<b>Types of cargo handled</b>
Western District	23	20 (87.0%)	3 (13.0%)	376 000	General cargo and containers
Chai Wan	14	12 (85.7%)	2 (14.3%)	302 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper, scrap metal
New Yau Ma Tei	29	28 (96.6%)	1 (3.4%)	1 800 000	General cargo and containers, scrap metal
Stonecutters Island	12	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	823 000	General cargo and containers, scrap metal
Rambler Channel	27	27 (100%)	0 (0%)	1 147 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper, scrap metal
Tuen Mun	15	15 (100%)	0 (0%)	802 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper
<b>Total:</b>				<b>5 250 000</b>	

\* Rounded to the nearest thousand

<b>2024</b>					
<b>PCWA</b>	<b>Total no. of berthing spaces</b>	<b>No. and percentage of berthing spaces in use</b>	<b>No. and percentage of vacant berthing spaces</b>	<b>Total cargo throughput (tonnes)*</b>	<b>Types of cargo handled</b>
Western District	23	21 (91.3%)	2 (8.7%)	328 000	General cargo and containers
Chai Wan	14	8 (57.1%)	6 (42.9%)	235 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper, scrap metal
New Yau Ma Tei	29	29 (100%)	0 (0%)	1 551 000	General cargo and containers, scrap metal
Stonecutters Island	12	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	515 000	General cargo and containers, scrap metal
Rambler Channel	27	27 (100%)	0 (0%)	984 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper, scrap metal
Tuen Mun	15	13 (86.7%)	2 (13.3%)	672 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper
<b>Total:</b>				<b>4 285 000</b>	

\* Rounded to the nearest thousand

<b>2025</b>					
<b>PCWA</b>	<b>Total no. of berthing spaces</b>	<b>No. and percentage of berthing spaces in use</b>	<b>No. and percentage of vacant berthing spaces</b>	<b>Total cargo throughput (tonnes)*</b>	<b>Types of cargo handled</b>
Western District	23	17 (73.9%)	6 (26.1%)	299 000	General cargo and containers
Chai Wan	14	6 (42.9%)	8 (57.1%)	195 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper, scrap metal
New Yau Ma Tei	29	29 (100%)	0 (0%)	1 625 000	General cargo and containers, scrap metal
Stonecutters Island	12	11 (91.7%)	1 (8.3%)	507 000	General cargo and containers, scrap metal
Rambler Channel	27	25 (92.6%)	2 (7.4%)	945 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper, scrap metal
Tuen Mun	15	12 (80.0%)	3 (20.0%)	613 000	General cargo and containers, sand and aggregates, waste paper
<b>Total:</b>				<b>4 184 000</b>	

\* Rounded to the nearest thousand

- The Marine Department (MD) deploys staff to conduct on-site inspections at the PCWAs on a daily basis. The management of PCWAs forms part of the normal duties of the staff concerned and is undertaken with existing resources. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure involved for each PCWA.

3. In 2023, 2024 and 2025, a total of 10 reports of fire involving the New Yau Ma Tei PCWA were received. It is understood that the officers of the Fire Services Department conducted investigations at the fire scenes and found nothing suspicious. The fires were believed to be caused by the mixing of combustible materials with the cargo.

The Government attaches great importance to the fire safety of the PCWAs and has already, in response to the fire incidents, initiated early termination of 3 Berth Licence Agreements and required all operators to comply with relevant fire safety regulations. Other than publishing fire safety pamphlets, safety guidelines and promotional publications, MD has proactively organised fire safety seminars and training activities, including holding publicity and educational activities in collaboration with relevant government departments, operators of the PCWAs and trade associations, with a view to raising the fire prevention and safety awareness of the industry. MD will continue to work closely with relevant departments and strictly monitor the fire safety conditions of the PCWAs and their adjacent berthing spaces. Should any irregularities be identified, follow-up actions will be taken in a solemn manner.

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