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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Logistics

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 3 years (2021-22 to 2023-24);
- (b) the respective changes, if any, of the designated bunkering areas in the past 3 years (2021-22 to 2023-24); 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.: 29)

Reply:

(a) & (b)

The respective numbers of designated bunkering areas within Hong Kong waters and licensed oil carriers in the past 3 years are set out as follows:

Year (as at year end)	Number of Designated Bunkering Areas	Number of Licensed Oil Carriers
2021	8	170
2022		161
2023		163

- (c) There are currently 8 designated bunkering areas within Hong Kong waters for oil carriers to deliver bunker to vessels. They are located near the major berthing places for local vessels (including fishing vessels) to meet their operational needs. The Government has no plan to establish new designated bunkering areas in the near future.