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**Islands District Council**  
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**Question on oil spill in the waters off Tung Chung**

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 4 September this year:

“ In recent years, many infrastructural works are in progress in the waters off the Lantau Island, which included the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the third runway at the airport, etc. According to news reports, a large quantity of oil spill is found by the fishermen and residents in the waters off Tung Chung, covering hundreds of metres with a pungent and unpleasant smell.

As such, I would like to invite representatives of the Marine Department, Environmental Protection Department, Highways Department and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to attend the meeting and respond to the following:

1. Please provide, in the past five years, the number of complaints received concerning oil spills in Tung Chung and the nearby waters and, among such cases, the number of those processed.
2. The time required by the relevant departments for arranging staff to visit the scene and respond after receiving the complaints from members of the public.
3. Please provide the source(s) of the abovementioned oil spill and inform whether additional patrol crafts will be deployed to identify the source(s).
4. If the spilled oil is absorbed by marine lives such as fishes and clams, will the marine ecology and biological diversity be affected? If such fishes and clams are caught and consumed by humans, will there be impacts on human health? ”

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