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Question on transport, hygiene and safety concerns
relating to large events held at Tai Pak beach, Discovery Bay

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 23 October this year:

“ HKR International Limited (HKR) has been organising large events at Tai Pak beach for years, but a number of concerns such as transport, hygiene and safety, etc. remain. Each time events take place, a large number of tourists will take the estate buses, and Discovery Bay residents will be difficult in taking the buses. After the events, a large volume of refuse is left on the beach and along the promenade, adding workload of the cleaning workers. As showering facilities are inadequate, they are often thronged with tourists and prone to accidents. Moreover, while the annual large summer event attracts the participation of many parents and their children, lifeguard service is not available at Tai Pak beach, which may cause casualties if someone got drowned.

As such, I would like to invite representatives of HKR, Discovery Bay Services Management Limited (DBSML) and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to attend the meeting and respond to the following:

1. Would HKR and DBSML consider employing additional management staff and lifeguards at the venue during large events and implementing crowd control measures in view of the limited facilities in the district?
2. When considering a licence application, would FEHD request the applicant to enhance the safety facilities, and restrict the scale of the event? Would FEHD request the event organiser to clean up the venue and clear the refuse as soon as possible after the event? ”

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