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Islands District Council
Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries, Environmental Hygiene and
Climate Change Committee
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Question on prolonged occupation of Sam Pak Wan for camping

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries, Environmental Hygiene and Climate Change Committee meeting to be held on 24 May this year:

“ Sam Pak Wan is government land and situated to the north of Discovery Bay (DB), without any public utilities except a CCTV camera which is set up for monitoring the sea and marine garbage. Environmental groups of DB come frequently to clean up the beach and promote environmental awareness among local students.

Since the outbreak begins, there are people camping on the beach permanently in a crowded living condition producing large amounts of garbage, and a great number of tents are pitched again after the environmental groups finish the voluntary clean-ups.

I would like the District Land Office, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, etc. to arrange representatives to attend the meeting to respond to the following:

1. Is it lawful to camp or live in groups in the said area?
2. In view of health considerations besides the illegality involved, will the Government take enforcement actions against camping especially

during the epidemic to make people obey the group gathering ban and protect their well-being?

3. How will the Government take enforcement actions against people for camping there permanently and polluting the environment with waste disposal? ”

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