

# Transcript of remarks by SFH at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, at a media session after attending a radio programme this morning (September 1):

Reporter: Is the Government going to further step up the anti-mosquito work after the heavy rain in the past few days? And also, are you seeing the end of the outbreak because we've seen fewer cases reported?

Secretary for Food and Health: Heavy rain always poses challenges to mosquito control work. But the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is stepping up all the mosquito control work, not only in Wong Tai Sin and Cheung Chau but also over the territory. I have previously announced that we have provided additional resources of \$4 million for the 18 districts to strengthen its mosquito control work, mainly for buying more machines for fogging, strengthening their manpower as well as doing more public education. As far as the dengue fever situation is concerned, the Centre for Health Protection has been monitoring the situation. Together with the Hospital Authority, they have created the e-Dengue platform so that we can more efficiently identify cases and treat them accordingly. In the past week, we have noticed less confirmed cases. But on the other hand, we are also very vigilant in monitoring the entire situation. We haven't slowed down our efforts. We do not rule out that there may be individual cases coming up in the future. We have stepped up our surveillance and also mosquito control work. We are also strengthening the number of fogging and mosquito control work in different high risk places, and also public education as well as manpower.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)