

CTA has asked the same question

However the Govt fails to reveal that the actual construction waste per day is nigh 30,000 tonnes of which 3400 tonnes goes to landfill

Also they will no longer send food waste to Tseung Kwan O which is dripping onto the roads there 8 years ago on the EPD website they stated that the recycling rate was 40% and their intention was to improve by 1% per year and 8 years later voila, we have a magic 48%

“Although we are recovering 40% of our waste for recycling, our landfills will be full in 6 to 10 years if we do not substantially reduce the generation of waste and cut down the amount of waste we send to the landfills.

Target 1: To reduce the amount of municipal solid waste (MSW) generated in Hong Kong by 1% per annum up to the year 2014.”

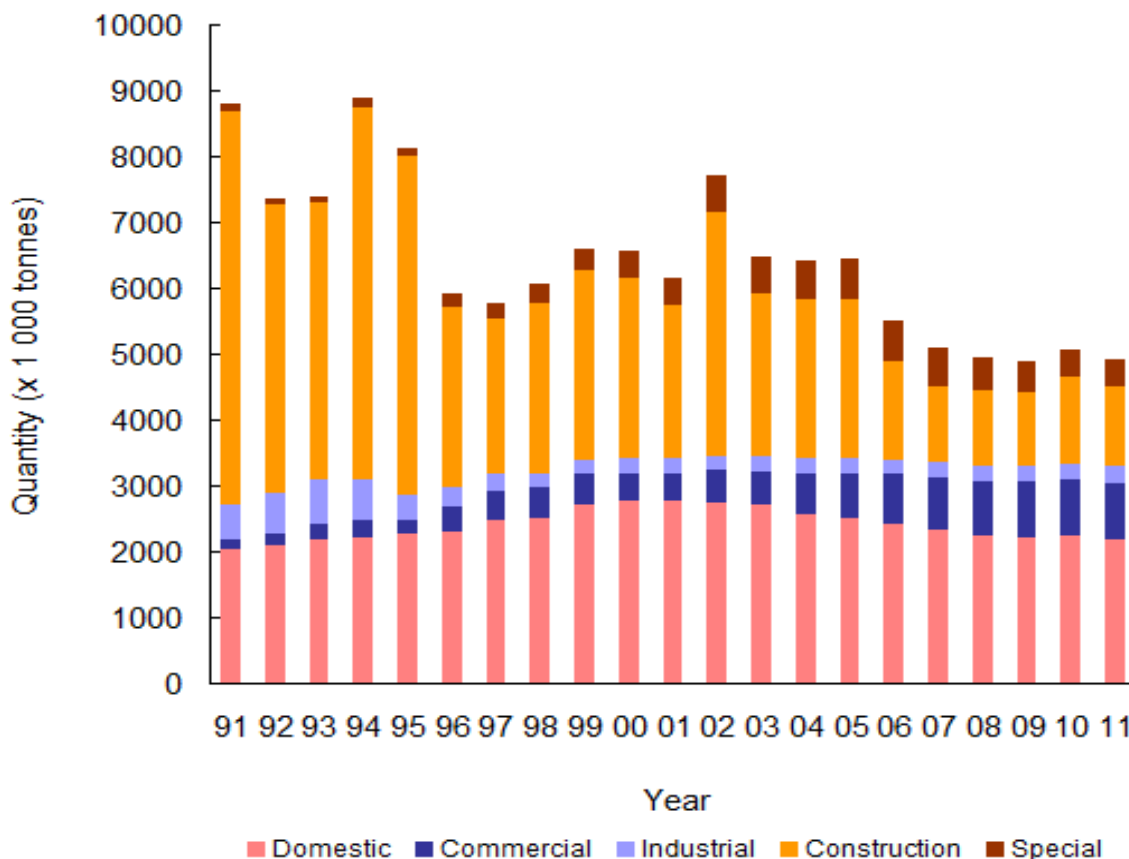
http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/msw/htm_en/executive/main.htm

Given that the Govt fails to recycle nor collect anything from all private households and estates in Hong Kong, this is somewhat bemusing

Also their own figures conflict as shown below:

http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/waste/data/stat_treat.html

Quantities of Solid Waste Disposed of at Landfills in 1991-2011



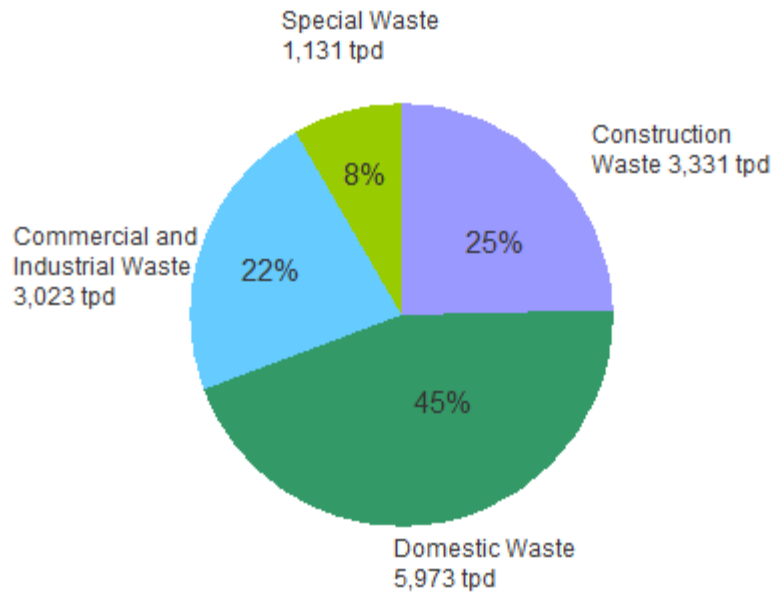
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Year	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00
Domestic	2030	2100	2190	2220	2270	2280	2470	2490	2710	2760
Commercial	150	170	210	250	190	400	440	470	460	420
Industrial	520	620	690	610	390	290	260	230	220	240
Construction	5980	4370	4200	5650	5150	2750	2370	2570	2880	2740
Special	120	90	90	140	130	180	230	290	320	400
Total	8800	7350	7380	8870	8130	5900	5770	6050	6590	6560

Quantity (x 1 000 tonnes)

Types of Solid Waste Disposed of at Landfills in 2011



Total : 13,458 tonnes per day

Note : Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Types of Solid Waste Disposed of at Landfills in 2011

Construction Waste 3331 tpd	3331
Domestic Waste 5973 tpd	5973
Commercial and Industrial Waste 3023 tpd	3023
Special Waste 1131 tpd	1131

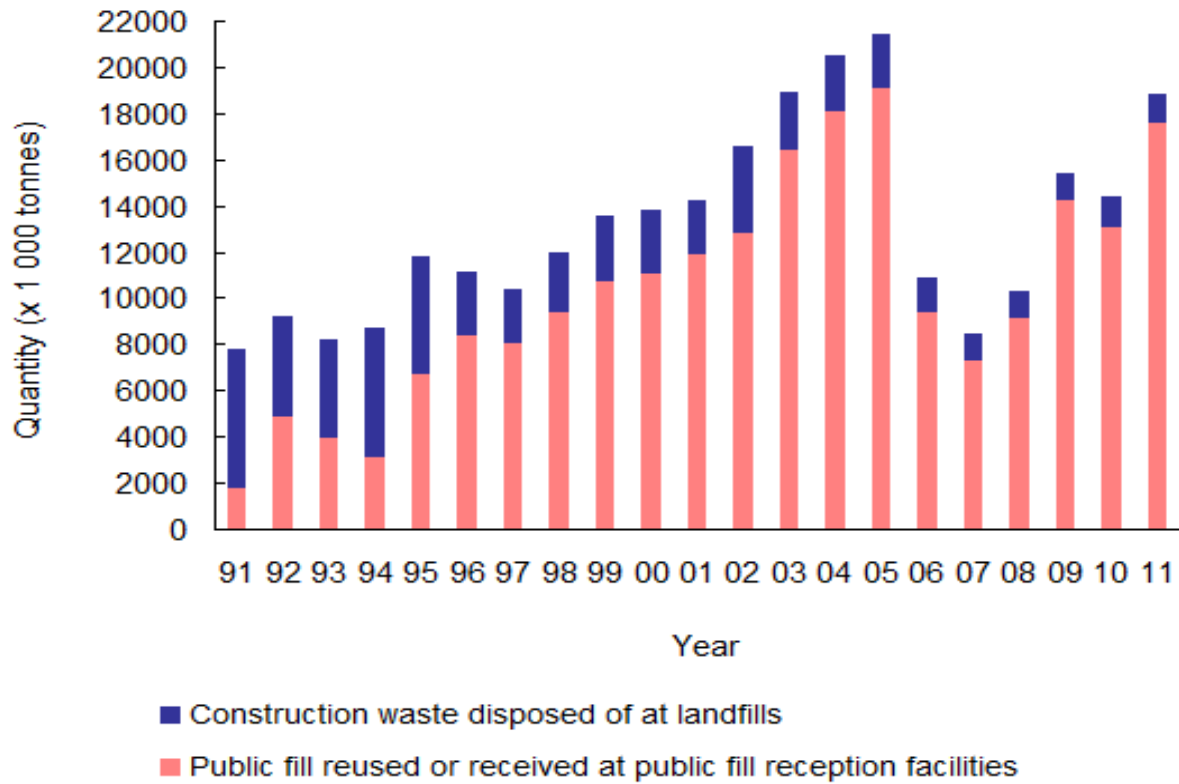
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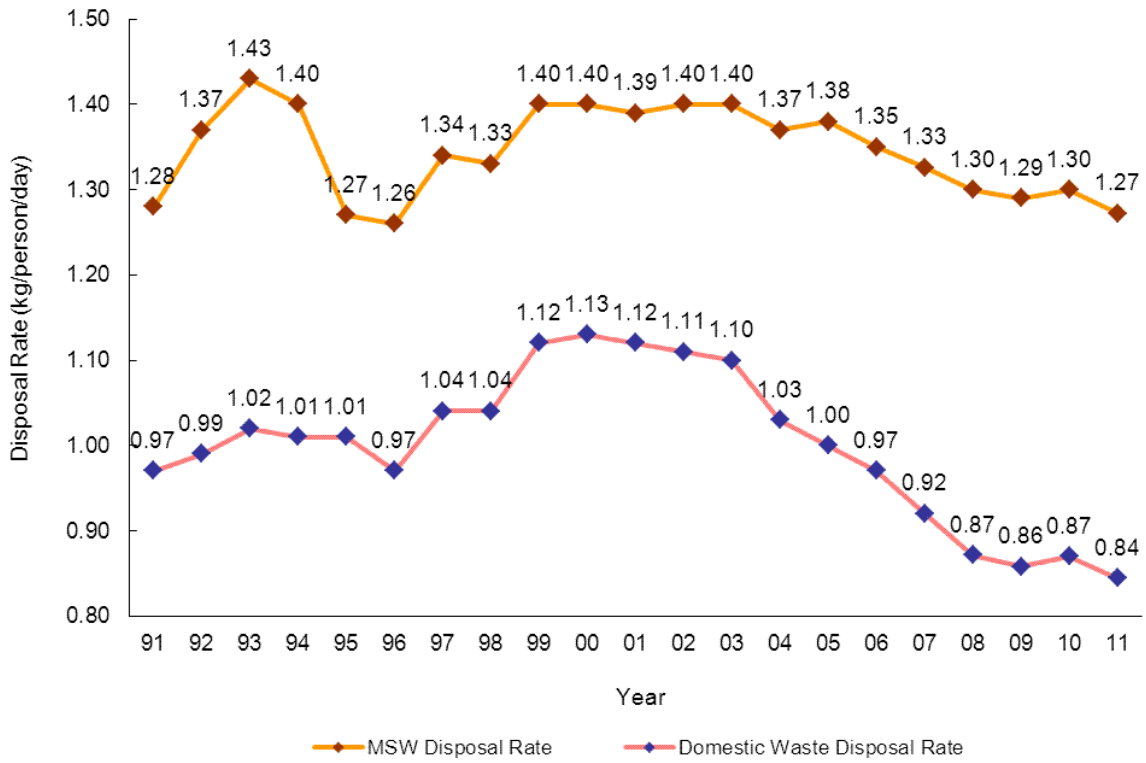
**PUBLIC FILL REUSED OR
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RECEPTION FACILITIES**

Quantities of Construction Waste in 1991-2011



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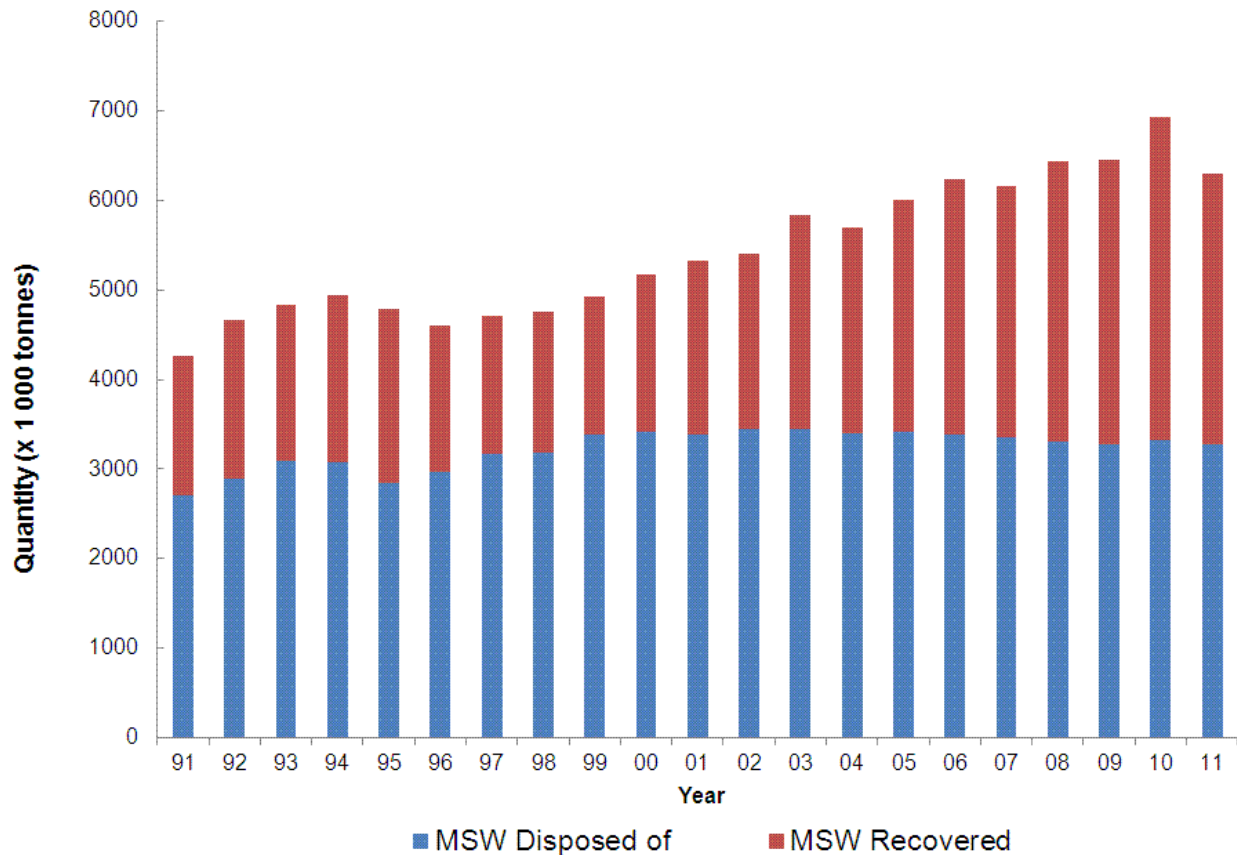
Per Capita Disposal Rates of Municipal Solid Waste and Domestic Waste in 1991-2011



Remark : The per capita disposal rates are calculated based on the population (mid-year) updated by the Census and Statistics Department in February 2012.

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Quantity of Municipal Solid Waste Disposed of and Recovered in 1991-2011



SCMP Letters to Editor 1st July 2013

Questioning official figure on solid waste

I refer to the letter by environment undersecretary Christine Loh ("Moves to socially responsible waste disposal well in hand", June 21).

I was taken aback by her comment that Hong Kong's "municipal solid waste recovered-for-recycling rate of 48 per cent...figure is correct".

The Environment Bureau's own "Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022" clearly says otherwise.

This document states that Hong Kong generates 9,650 tonnes per day of municipal solid waste (that's 1.36kg per capita for a 7.1 million population) and, as Ms Loh admits, 9,000 tonnes of that goes to landfills.

The last time I did percentages at school, the difference in the first figure and second figures (recovered waste) divided by the second came out at 7.2 per cent.

If on the other hand, as Ms Loh asserts, the 48 per cent figure is correct, then the actual municipal solid waste generated by Hong Kong people is 9,000 tonnes divided by 52 per cent which equals 17,267 tonnes per day, or 2.44kg per capita.

A figure that is 25 per cent greater than the US or an astounding 320 per cent of that for Tokyo would make Hong Kong probably the most wasteful place on earth.

So, either the 48 per cent claimed recovery rate is inaccurate, or Hong Kong's true rate of municipal solid waste generation is far higher than the bureau dares to admit. Which of these two statements is correct?

Until we have the answer, we cannot possibly trust the various other assertions made in the blueprint and repeated in Ms Loh's letter.

Our organisation, Living Islands Movement, is also writing formally to the secretary for the environment to request this essential clarification.

Mark Parlett, secretary, Living Islands Movement

<http://www.scmp.com/comment/letters/article/1272700/letters-editor-july-1-2013>