

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

With regard to the "target" of "dealing with complaints of illegal hawking in built-up areas within 30 minutes", how many complaints were received in 2006? What are the criteria to evaluate whether the dispersal was successful? Based on those criteria, how many complaints for which dispersal of illegal hawkers was successful?

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

A total of 12,565 complaints of illegal hawking in built-up areas were received in 2006. The Hawker Control Team (HCT) staff take stringent enforcement action against those hawkers found selling prohibited/restricted food or cooked food or trading at main thoroughfares and areas with high pedestrian flow causing obstruction. If the hawking activity does not fall under the above circumstances, the HCT staff normally issue verbal warning and disperse the hawkers. If the warning is not heeded, arrest and prosecution action would follow.

Under normal circumstances, the illegal hawkers would be dispersed upon the arrival of the HCT staff in dealing with the complaints.

Signature _____

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Date _____ **15.3.2007** _____