

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

- (a) The number of raids conducted by Hawker Control Teams (HCT) of the Department was over 119 000 in 2009. It is estimated that the number of raids will increase by about 4 700 to over 124 000 in 2010, representing an average increase of 13 raids per day. What are the reasons for the increase? Please list the ten locations with the highest number of HCT operations per day, their respective number of operations per day, as well as the manpower required for each operation.
- (b) Please set out the number of cases and prosecutions involving obstruction caused by illegal on-street hawking activities and shop extensions in 2009. Please provide a breakdown by the nature of cases, type of hawkers, reasons for prosecution and hawking location.

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated increase in the number of raids in 2010 is based on the past trend of hawker raids, which is in turn determined by the number of complaints against illegal hawking activities and other relevant factors. Raiding operations are planned by Hawker Control Teams having regard to the prevailing field situation, therefore the frequency of raids for an individual location varies from time to time. The manpower required varies with the scale of each operation.

- (b) In 2009, there were 11 650 prosecution cases involving obstruction caused by illegal shop extension. The number of prosecution against illegal on-street hawking activities, involving street obstruction, illegal hawking and sale of cooked food/restricted food, was 10 757. Further detailed breakdown is not readily available.

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