

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to enhancing law enforcement at hawker areas with fixed pitches to ensure compliance and to contain obstruction and fire safety risk in 2012-13, please provide details, including the specific measures to be taken, the manpower arrangement and the expenditure required.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In the wake of the fire at the hawker stalls at Fa Yuen Street on 30 November last year, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has strengthened law enforcement actions against non-compliance with the relevant legislation and licensing conditions in all hawker areas with a large number of hawker stalls. Such actions are targeted at the following irregularities to reduce fire risks posed by hawker stalls:

- (1) stall canopies made of or covered with combustible materials;
- (2) overnight storage of goods outside the approved stall areas;
- (3) obstruction of passageways; and
- (4) stall subletting.

The Department will deploy its existing staff to undertake enhanced enforcement actions.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 29.2.2012