Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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<u>Head</u>: 49 Food and Environmental

Hygiene Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

(a) In 2011-12, a total of 120 738 raids were conducted by Hawker Control Teams (HCT) of the Department. Please advise on the ten locations with the highest number of HCT operations, the number of prosecutions initiated, as well as the amount of fines imposed in the past year.

Subhead (No. & title):

(b) The Department plans to "enhance law enforcement at hawker areas with fixed pitches" in 2012-13. In this connection, please advise on the details of such plans, the target locations and the estimated number of inspections.

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) Raiding operations are planned by Hawker Control Teams (HCT) having regard to the prevailing situation in the districts. The frequency of raids and actual locations where enforcement actions are taken would vary from time to time. In 2011, 35 280 prosecutions were instituted by HCT and the level of fines imposed by the court ranged from \$100 to \$4,000.
- (b) 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 has strengthened law enforcement actions against non-compliance with the relevant legislation and licensing conditions in 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 commodities outside the approved stall areas;
 - (3) obstruction of passageways; and
 - (4) stall subletting.

Hawker areas with a large number of hawker stalls are mainly located in Eastern, Central and Western, Wanchai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City Districts. They are subject to inspection by HCT at least once daily. A list of locations of these hawker stalls is at Annex.

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Annex

Location	District
Chun Yeung Street	
Marble Street	
Kam Wa Street	Eastern
Tai Tak Street	
Mong Lung Street	
Pottinger Street	
Graham Street	
Gage Street	
Li Yuen Street East	
Li Yuen Street West	Central and Western
Peel Street	
Wing Kut Street	
Upper Lascar Row	
Man Wa Lane	
Gresson Street	
Cross Street	Wan Chai
Tai Yuen Street	Wali Chai
Jardine's Crescent	
Reclamation Street	Yau Tsim Mong
Pak Hoi Street	
Saigon Street	
Bowring Street	
Temple Street	
Canton Road (Between Dundas Street and Pitt Street)	
Canton Road (Between Mong Kok Road and Dundas Street)	
Tung Choi Street	

Location	District
Fife Street	
Yin Chong Street	
Ki Lung Street (Between Boundary Street and Portland Street)	
Poplar Street	
Fa Yuen Street	
Nelson Street	
Wing Lung Street	
Fat Tseung Street	
Cheung Fat Street	
Fuk Wa Street	
Fuk Wing Street	Sham Shui Po
Pei Ho Street	Sham Shui Fo
Apliu Street	
Ki Lung Street (Between Nam Cheong Street and Boundary Street)	
Tai Nan Street	
Kweilin Street	
Pau Chung Street	Kowloon City