

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

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question:

- (a) In the past year, what was the number of prosecutions taken by officers of the Department in respect of littering, spitting or fouling of street by faeces or urine? How many of these prosecutions were taken against tourists? What was the number of tourists from the Mainland (excluding Taiwan) involved?
- (b) Among the tourists who had been prosecuted, how many of them failed to comply with the law and left Hong Kong without paying the fine? Regarding these default cases, will actions be taken to recover the outstanding fines?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2011, the number of \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices (Notices) issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) against littering and spitting in public places were 30 468 and 2 986 respectively. The number of prosecutions taken against obeying the call of nature in public places in 2011 was six. The Department does not have the breakdown on the above enforcement figures taken against tourists.
- (b) The Department does not have breakdown of cases involving tourists. If an offender with no local address fails to settle the payment of a Notice within the prescribed 21 days from the date of issue of the Notice, the Department will issue a demand notice to him/her through the correspondence address in his/her home place to recover the payment.

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