

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

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

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the total number of complaints received concerning liquor-licensed premises in the past three years (i.e. in 2009, 2010 and 2011), the districts in which these premises were located, the type and nature of the complaints and their investigation results;
- (b) the number of inspections to liquor-licensed premises in the past three years and the districts for inspection;
- (c) the number of non-compliance cases involving liquor-licensed premises (including contravention of the ordinance governing liquor licences or commission of other offences) in the past three years and the nature of these cases; and
- (d) the number of liquor licences revoked in the past three years and the reasons for revocation.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) handles environmental hygiene related complaints against licensed food premises, including those issued with liquor licences, whereas the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) handles complaints on non-compliance with liquor licensing conditions. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, the number of complaints investigated and found substantiated by the Department concerning food premises which were also issued with liquor-licences was 962, 1 122 and 1 259 respectively, and the breakdown is at Annex. Statistics on complaints received by the Police against liquor-licensed premises are not readily available.
- (b) The Department inspects food premises, including those issued with liquor licences, once every 4, 10 and 20 weeks according to their risk types under the "Risk-based Inspection System" whereas clubs with catering facilities, including those holding club liquor licences, are inspected once every 10 weeks. In 2010 and 2011, the Police conducted over 18 000 inspections annually to liquor-licensed premises. There are no available statistics for 2009.
- (c) In 2010 and 2011, the number of prosecutions instituted by the Police against liquor-licensed premises for non-compliance of licensing conditions was 97 and 243 respectively. There are no available statistics for 2009.
- (d) The number of liquor licences (including club liquor licences) revoked in 2009, 2010 and 2011 with breakdown by reasons is provided in the table below.

| Reasons for revocation of liquor licence | Number of liquor licence revoked | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| Cessation of business | 15 | 16 | 19 |
| Licensee leaving without transferring the licence | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Death of licensee | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Breach of licensing condition | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Total | 20 | 27 | 27 |

Signature _____

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**Number of Substantiated Complaints concerning Liquor-Licensed Premises
in 2009, 2010 and 2011**

| District | Environmental Hygiene | | | Obstruction | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| Central and Western | 1 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Eastern | 3 | 3 | 3 | 36 | 23 | 19 |
| Southern | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Wan Chai | 65 | 39 | 52 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Islands | 2 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 10 | 12 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 73 | 84 | 63 | 144 | 165 | 181 |
| Sham Shui Po | 46 | 42 | 49 | 34 | 70 | 24 |
| Kowloon City | 2 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 23 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 43 | 24 | 27 | 48 | 61 | 59 |
| Kwun Tong | 39 | 35 | 32 | 19 | 33 | 30 |
| Tsuen Wan | 3 | 5 | 5 | 48 | 50 | 62 |
| Kwai Tsing | 15 | 15 | 24 | 8 | 10 | 6 |
| North | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| Tai Po | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 110 | 113 |
| Sai Kung | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 16 |
| Sha Tin | 42 | 37 | 39 | 58 | 121 | 210 |
| Tuen Mun | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 11 | 18 |
| Yuen Long | 51 | 87 | 93 | 31 | 48 | 50 |
| Total | 392 | 383 | 404 | 570 | 739 | 855 |