

**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:

Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted against illegal hawking of unlicensed hawkers, the locations involved as well as the nature of these cases in 2011; and
- (b) whether new measures will be put in place or additional manpower or resources be allocated to step up raids at unlicensed hawker blackspots.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) In 2011, the number of prosecutions instituted against illegal hawking activities, including street obstruction, illegal hawking and sale of cooked food / restricted food, was 28 576. Further detailed breakdown is not readily available. There are no statistics on warnings issued.
- (b) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to adopt the strategies of mobile patrol and raiding to deter unlicensed hawking with its existing manpower resources. Hawker Control Team (HCT) staff regularly patrol blackspots to disrupt illegal hawking activities and to prevent unlicensed hawkers from taking root at these locations. If these hawkers persist in trading and do not disperse, arrest action would follow. HCT staff also mount raiding operations at blackspots to arrest unlicensed hawkers and seize their goods and equipment to increase the deterrent effect.

Signature _____

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