

**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:

According to the information of the Department, a total of 119 712 raids were conducted by Hawker Control Teams (HCTs) in 2012. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of raids conducted in each of the 18 districts (set out in tabular form);
- (b) of these 119 712 raids, the number of raids against licensed hawkers; the nature of their offences; the number of prosecutions instituted; whether warnings have been given before taking prosecution actions; and the number of raids in which Police assistance was needed due to conflicts between hawkers and HCTs; and
- (c) whether the Department has assessed if these raids were conducted too frequently and as a result affected the livelihood of licensed hawkers.

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided at Annex.
- (b) There was no breakdown on which raids covered licensed hawkers. In 2012, a total of 6 088 prosecutions were instituted against licensed hawkers, mainly related to obstruction offences. Generally speaking, the enforcement strategy against licensed hawkers is to issue verbal warning first, followed by prosecution if the warning is found unheeded. The Department does not keep the number of raids in which Police assistance was needed due to conflicts between hawkers and HCTs.
- (c) The number of raids is determined by the number of complaints against suspected illegal hawking activities and other relevant factors. Raiding operations are planned by HCTs having regard to the prevailing field situation.

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Number of Raids Conducted by Hawker Control Teams in 2012

District	No. of Raids
Central/Western	6 693
Wan Chai	5 428
Eastern	3 776
Southern	2 175
Islands	587
Yau Tsim Mong	12 698
Sham Shui Po	10 362
Kowloon City	7 767
Wong Tai Sin	2 837
Kwun Tong	4 370
Kwai Tsing	7 672
Tsuen Wan	7 157
Tuen Mum	6 980
Yuen Long	10 330
North	7 173
Tai Po	9 250
Sha Tin	7 497
Sai Kung	6 960
Total	119 712