

**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:

- (a) The indicator for raids by Hawker Control Teams (HCTs) under Programme (3) shows that a total of 119 712 raids were conducted in 2012. Please advise on the ten locations with the highest number of HCT operations, as well as the number of prosecutions initiated and the amount of fines imposed in 2012.
- (b) Regarding the indicator for hawker blackspots, please advise on the location of the 45 hawker blackspots; the criteria adopted in identifying hawker blackspots; the usual number of hawkers trading at these locations and their normal hours of trading; whether the Department will step up patrol at hawker blackspots; and the reason(s) why the number of blackspots remained at 45 in the past two years (i.e. in 2011 and 2012) and is estimated to be at the same level in 2013.

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 2012, 33 545 prosecutions were instituted by HCT and the level of fines imposed by the court ranged from \$50 to \$5,000.
- (b) Hawker blackspots are locations where unlicensed hawkers congregate. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts quarterly surveys to identify and update the list of hawker blackspots. A certain location is classified as a hawker blackspot if at any one time of the day during the quarterly survey, there is an assembly of ten or more unlicensed hawkers or five or more unlicensed cooked food hawkers. According to the surveys done in the last quarter of 2010, 2011 and 2012, the number of hawker blackspots stood at 45 in all 3 years. The location of the 45 hawker blackspots is provided at Annex.

The Department has adopted the strategies of mobile patrol and raiding to deter unlicensed hawking. 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 enhance deterrence. HCT staff will continue to take enforcement actions in accordance with the established enforcement strategies and guidelines.

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Location of Hawker Blackspots

District	Location
Central/Western	1. The vicinity of Statue Square and Legislative Council Building
	2. The vicinity of Chater Garden and Murray Road
	3. Footbridge along Connaught Road Central and its vicinity
Wan Chai	4. Wan Chai Road (between Johnston Road and Cross Street), Tai Yuen Street, Cross Street, Stone Nullah Lane (between Johnston Road and Cross Street) and the vicinity
	5. Bowrington Road (between Hennessy Road and Sharp Street West) and Wan Chai Road (between Canal Road West and Tin Lok Lane)
Eastern	6. Area near Chai Wan Market including the open space outside Walton Estate, Yee Shun Street, Yee Tai Street, Yee Fung Street and the lane in front of Winner Centre
	7. Kam Wa Street area including Mong Lung Street and Tai Tak Street
	8. Marble Road area including North Point MTR Exits, Kam Hong Street, Shu Kuk Street, a section of King's Road between Kam Hong Street and Tin Chiu Street as well as the vicinity of Java Road Market
	9. Chun Yeung Street area including North Point Road, Tong Shui Road, a section of King's Road around Kam Hong Street, and Fortress Hill MTR Exits
	10. Siu Sai Wan area along Siu Sai Wan Road from Bus Terminus up to Fullview Garden
	11. Kut Shing Street and Chai Wan Footbridge outside Chai Wan MTR Station
Southern	13. Pavement between Aberdeen West Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Promenade
Islands	14. The areas in the vicinity of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier and Praya Street, Cheung Chau
	15. The areas at the junction of Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung, Lantau Island

Yau Tsim Mong	16. Nathan Road section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	17. Sai Yeung Choi Street South section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	18. The vicinity of FEHD Mong Kok Market bounded by Nelson Street, Canton Road, Argyle Street and Tong Mi Road
	19. Fa Yuen Street section between Nullah Road and Dundas Street
	20. Sai Yee Street section between Argyle Street and Soy Street
	21. Portland Street section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
Sham Shui Po	22. Tung Chau Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street)
	23. Pei Ho Street (between Un Chau Street and Lai Chi Kok Road)
	24. Kweilin Street (between Apliu Street and Yu Chau Street)
Kowloon City	25. Bulkeley Street (between Gillies Ave South and Dock Street)
Wong Tai Sin	26. Tai Shing Street, Tai Tung Street and its vicinity
	27. Ngau Chi Wan Village and its vicinity
	28. Lung Cheung Road and Shatin Pass Road
	29. Lok Fu MTR Station area near Wang Tau Hom East Road and its vicinity
	30. Ching Tak Street and its vicinity
	31. Tai Yau Street and its vicinity in San Po Kong Industrial Area
Kwun Tong	32. Tsun Yip Street/ How Ming Street / Hip Wo Street / Shui Wo Street / Hoi Yuen Road
	33. Footbridges of Telford Plaza linking Kowloon Bay MTR / Ngau Tau Kok Road of Amoy Plaza / Wang Hoi Road
	34. Lam Tin Estate passage way between Tak Tin Street & Ping Tin Street at side of Lam Tin Estate Bus Terminus
	35. On Wah Street / On Tak Road / Jordan Valley Road North / Ngau Tau Kok Road adjacent to Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate, Kwun Tong
Kwai Tsing	36. Sheung Ko Tan Street, Chung Mei Village, Tsing Yi
Tuen Mun	37. The vicinity of Sam Shing Estate
	38. Kai Man Path
	39. Mei Lok Lane
Yuen Long	40. Hop Choi Street

North	41. Sheung Shui MTR Station & its vicinity (including surrounding footbridges, Choi Yuen Road and San Wan Road)
	42. Fanling MTR Station & its vicinity (including Fanling Station Road and from adjoining footbridge to Pak Wo Road and Yat Ming Road)
Sha Tin	43. Under flyover between Lung Hang Estate & Sun Chui Estate
	44. Near Fun City, Lek Yuen Street
	45. Mei Tin Road