

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

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Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the inspections conducted to food premises by the Department in the past three years (i.e. 2010, 2011 and 2012), please advise on the number and nature of cases of irregularities found, the types of premises involved, the districts in which these premises were located, as well as the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

All licensed food premises are subject to regular inspection. In 2010, 2011 and 2012, the number of prosecutions instituted against licensed food premises was 4 117, 4 207 and 4 231 respectively, and the breakdown by nature of irregularities is at Annex. There are no separate statistics on the types and locations of premises involved and the number of warnings issued.

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**Breakdown of Prosecutions instituted against Licensed Food Premises
in 2010, 2011 and 2012**

Nature of Irregularities	No. of Prosecutions		
	2010	2011	2012
Dirty food premises / presence of vermins	15	14	9
Dirty equipment and utensils	9	17	15
Food not protected from risk of contamination	6	5	6
Sub-standard fish tank water	3	4	1
Improper storage of open food	180	179	164
Use of open space for scullery / food preparation / storage of food utensils	134	132	259
Dirty food room / improper repair of food room	64	66	64
Dirty toilet	1	2	1
Alteration of premises or fittings	15	16	14
Alteration to the approved layout of the premises	148	145	116
Sale of restricted food without permission	7	27	19
Operating other types of unlicensed food business	115	46	9
Extension of food business beyond licensed area	783	1 058	1 350
Obstruction of public places	2 622	2 473	2 173
Other irregularities such as smoking in food room, sale of fresh and frozen meat at the same premises, sale of food unfit for human consumption, sale of food which was not of the substance or quality demanded by the consumer, fresh meat containing preservative, food containing non-permitted colouring matter, etc.	15	23	31
Total	4 117	4 207	4 231