

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please advise on the measures taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), besides issuing summonses, imposing fines and seizing their goods and hawking paraphernalia, to ensure that licensed hawkers are in compliance with the relevant legislation or requirements. Please also advise whether the Department will consider increasing the use of these alternative measures in the management of licensed hawkers in order not to stifle their business and affect their livelihood.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

While law enforcement is an important tool, we consider self-compliance is of equal importance. To this end, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has set up 16 Hawker Management Consultative Committees in 43 major hawker areas. These Committees provide a platform for two-way communication and for the Department to discuss day-to-day management, regulatory and safety issues with hawker representatives, as well as to encourage self-compliance and good practices among hawkers.

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