

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of complaints received, enforcement actions taken, illegal banners removed and penalty notices issued as well as the total amount of fines imposed by the Department in respect of illegal display of banners on streets in each of the past three years (i.e. in 2010, 2011 and 2012). Please also advise whether the Department will allocate additional manpower and resources to step up enforcement actions in 2013; if yes, please give the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

Staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) take prosecution actions during day-to-day patrols and operations. We do not keep separate statistics on the number of inspections carried out. Figures available are given below –

Year	2010	2011	2012
No. of complaints against unauthorised display of publicity materials in public place	2 978	3 399	3 651
No. of publicity materials removed	3 435 080	3 410 967	3 340 171
No. of prosecutions taken against unauthorised display of publicity materials in public place	3 060	3 315	4 492
No. of \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices issued (Note)	-	1 716	1 563

Note: Since 1 March 2011, the Department starts issuing \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to offenders who display publicity materials in public places without permission, including those displayed on easy-mount frames. The Department does not keep separate breakdown on the amount of fines resulting from prosecutions other than the FPN.

In 2010, 2011 and 2012, the Department did not take any prosecution against the unauthorised display of non-commercial publicity materials in public places. Resources on public cleansing services are deployed according to the actual situation in individual districts and will be adjusted as necessary in the light of changing circumstances. The Department will continue to closely monitor the situation and step up operations and enforcement actions as necessary.

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