

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene
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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question:

Please advise on the number of enforcement actions against breaches of licensing conditions by licensed hawkers, the number of hawkers prosecuted (with a breakdown by nature of offence) and the total amount of fines imposed in each of the past three years (i.e. in 2010, 2011 and 2012); and whether the Department will allocate resources to review the level and frequency of the enforcement actions against licensed hawkers in 2013-14; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2010, 2011 and 2012, the number of prosecutions taken against licensed hawkers was 6 283, 6 704 and 6 088 respectively. They were mainly related to obstruction offences. There are no statistics on the total amount of fines.

Generally speaking, under the current enforcement strategy, the staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) would give the hawkers a verbal warning first before resorting to prosecution action in those cases where the warning is not heeded. The Department will maintain the current strategy in 2013.

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