

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

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Question:

With regard to the unauthorised display of roadside commercial publicity banners, please inform this Committee on the following for each of the past five years (i.e. 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012):

- (a) the number of complaints received by the Department;
- (b) the number of cases referred by the Lands Department;
- (c) the number of publicity banners removed by the Department, with a breakdown by commercial and non-commercial banners; and
- (d) the number of cases with actions taken to recover the removal costs from relevant parties, the number of successful and unsuccessful recovery cases as well as the amount of costs recovered.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
No. of complaints against unauthorised display of commercial publicity materials in public place	2 277	2 832	2 794	2 984	2 405
No. of commercial publicity materials in public place removed	4 270 566	3 503 393	3 428 689	3 403 948	3 333 987
No. of non-commercial publicity materials in public place removed	4 399	4 726	6 391	7 019	6 184
No. of cases involving recovery of the removal cost	917	992	938	1 378	1 692
No. of cases in which the removal cost has been recovered	875	900	854	1 225	1 599

<b>Year</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
No. of cases in which the removal cost cannot be recovered or is not yet recovered	42	92	84	153	93
Removal cost recovered (\$ million)	0.25	0.28	0.26	0.40	0.48

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep separate breakdown on the number of cases referred to it by the Lands Department.

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