

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

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Question:

Please advise on the number of staff engaged and the total cost incurred by the Hawker Control Teams in taking prosecution actions against itinerant hawkers in the coming year (i.e. in 2013-14). Please also advise on the number of hawkers prosecuted, undergoing legal proceedings and convicted in the past five years (i.e. up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2013-14, the estimated staff establishment in the Hawker Control Teams is 2 204. The estimated total expenditure for the management and control of on-street hawking and related activities is \$868.6 million. There is no separate breakdown on the number of staff and the expenditure incurred in handling itinerant hawkers.

In the five years ending 31.12.2012, the total number of convictions related to hawker offences was 142 784. There is no separate breakdown on the number of hawkers prosecuted, undergoing legal proceedings or convicted.

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