

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)073****(Question Serial No. 1281)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

This question originates from: Estimates on Expenditure Volume I Page 252 (if applicable)

Question (Member Question No. 43):

Please provide the number of public cleanliness offences committed by non-resident visitors in Hong Kong in the past three years, including verbal warnings given and fixed penalty notices issued, as well as the amount of outstanding fines.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

Officers of seven government departments (namely, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Housing Department, Environmental Protection Department, Marine Department and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department) are authorised under the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) Ordinance, Cap. 570 (the Ordinance) to issue fixed penalty notices. When cleanliness offences under the Ordinance are witnessed, the authorised officers of the enforcement departments may issue Notices to the offenders without giving verbal warnings. The information sought is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Number of \$1,500 fixed penalty notices (Notices) issued to non-resident visitors (Note)	2 835	3 051	2 836
Number of Notices issued to non-resident visitors with payment of fines remaining outstanding in January 2014	48	58	723

Note

It gives the total number of notices issued by the seven enforcement departments.