

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)118****(Question Serial No. 0885)**

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Question (Member Question No. 23):

Under section 31(1)(d) of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X), any person who carries on any food business which involves the sale of fresh, chilled or frozen beef, mutton, pork, reptiles, fish or poultry must obtain a fresh provision shop licence. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of fresh provision shop licences in force in Hong Kong in 2013-2014, with a breakdown by licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen); and
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to licensed fresh provision shops from 2011-12 to 2013-14, with a breakdown by licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen); the number and nature of cases of irregularities detected; and the number of prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is given below, showing the position at end-2013 -

Type of commodities permitted to be sold	Number of fresh provision shops (FPS)
Fresh commodities	973
Chilled commodities	105
Frozen commodities	255
Fresh and chilled commodities	171
Fresh and frozen commodities	101
Chilled and frozen commodities	422
Fresh, chilled and frozen commodities	684
Total	2 711

- (b) In general, inspections of licensed FPS are conducted once every four, ten or 20 weeks according to the risk type of individual premises as assessed under the "Risk-based Inspection System". The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department keeps statistics on the overall number of inspections and prosecutions pertaining to licensed food premises. A separate breakdown for licensed FPS is not available.