

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 26):

Regarding the inspections to food premises by the Department in the past three years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2013-14), please advise on the number of inspections conducted, the number and nature of cases of irregularities detected, the types of premises involved and the districts in which these premises were located, as well as the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, the number of inspections to licensed food premises was 206 433, 204 384 and 203 007 respectively, and the number of prosecutions instituted against licensed food premises was 4 207, 4 231 and 3 687 respectively. The breakdown by nature of irregularities is at Annex. There are no separate statistics on the types and locations of premises involved and the number of warnings issued.

**Breakdown of Prosecutions instituted against Licensed Food Premises  
in 2011, 2012 and 2013**

Nature of Irregularities	No. of Prosecutions		
	2011	2012	2013
Food not protected from risk of contamination	5	6	7
Sub-standard fish tank water	4	1	3
Improper storage of open food	179	164	132
Use of open space for scullery / food preparation / storage of food utensils	132	259	171
Sale of restricted food without permission	27	19	17
Operating other types of unlicensed food business	46	9	7
Dirty food room / improper repair of food room	66	64	56
Dirty equipment and utensils	17	15	27
Dirty food premises / presence of vermins, live birds or animals	14	9	15
Dirty toilet	2	1	0
Alteration of premises or fittings	16	14	12
Alteration to the approved layout of the premises	145	116	136
Extension of food business beyond licensed area	1 058	1 350	1 044
Obstruction of public places	2 473	2 173	2 048
Other irregularities such as smoking in food room, sale of fresh and frozen meat at the same premises, sale of food unfit for human consumption, sale of food which was not of the substance or quality demanded by the consumer, fresh meat containing preservative, food containing non-permitted colouring matter, etc.	23	31	12
Total	4 207	4 231	3 687