

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question (Member Question No. 32):

Regarding the enforcement against illegal display of posters and banners, please provide data broken down by district on the following:

- (a) the number of complaints received relating to illegal display of posters and banners from 2011 to 2013; and
- (b) the number of inspections or enforcement actions carried out by the Department in respect of the illegal display of posters and banners mentioned above, as well as the number of prosecutions initiated and the total amount of fines imposed from 2011 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

- (a) The number of complaints received relating to illegal display of posters and banners in 2011, 2012 and 2013 is 3 399, 3 651 and 4 756 respectively. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep breakdown of the complaints by district.
- (b) The information sought is given below –

Year	2011	2012	2013
No. of unauthorised publicity materials removed	3 410 967	3 340 171	3 148 500
No. of prosecutions taken against unauthorised display of publicity materials in public place	3 315	4 492	4 228
No. of \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices issued	1 716	1 563	1 769

Staff of the Department take enforcement actions during day-to-day patrols and operations. The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of inspections carried out.

Breakdown of the figures by district is not available. Nor does the Department keep separate breakdown on the amount of fines resulting from prosecutions.