

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)131****(Question Serial No. 2530)**

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Question (Member Question No. 51):

Under existing legislation, \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to persons who dirty public areas while feeding wild birds. Please provide information on the following:

- the number of complaints about illegal feeding of wild birds received in the past three years (with a breakdown by 18 districts in the territory), and the actions taken in following up these complaints;
- the number of \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices issued against dirtying public areas while feeding wild birds in the past three years; and
- the measures adopted to abate the environmental nuisances caused by congregation of wild birds.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)&(c) The number of complaints about feeding of wild birds received in 2011, 2012 and 2013 is given below –

<b>District</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Central & Western	28	39	67
Eastern	10	14	34
Southern	10	6	13
Wan Chai	28	29	48
Islands	3	3	3
Kowloon City	37	42	98
Kwun Tong	1	1	6

Wong Tai Sin	3	2	6
Sham Shui Po	38	46	95
Yau Tsim Mong	21	33	35
Sai Kung	3	8	7
Sha Tin	2	14	16
Tai Po	2	6	9
North	3	2	6
Kwai Tsing	0	6	5
Tsuen Wan	4	7	10
Tuen Mun	7	9	20
Yuen Long	2	13	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>493</b>

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has put in place a series of enhanced measures to prevent environmental hygiene nuisances caused by the conglomeration of wild birds. These include stepping up inspection, cleaning and disinfection with diluted bleach at public places where wild birds gather; reminding the public not to feed wild birds through distribution of leaflet and erection of warning signs at specific locations; and taking stringent enforcement actions against feeding of wild birds causing dirtiness to public places.

- (b) In 2011, 2012 and 2013, the Department issued 68, 57 and 91 \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices and took out 5, 2 and 4 prosecutions respectively against persons who caused dirtiness to public places in feeding wild birds.