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Question (Member Question No. 182):

With regard to the work of 'controlling and containing on-street hawking activities and obstruction', please advise on the following:

1. the number of complaints regarding hawking or obstruction in pedestrian precincts received, with a breakdown by district and nature of complaints, in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2009 to 2013); and
2. the number of summonses issued and the person-count for the service of summonses regarding hawking or obstruction in pedestrian precincts, as well as the expenditure involved, with a breakdown by district and nature of offences, in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2009 to 2013).

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Reply:

1. The information sought is provided at Annex 1.
2. In the five years ending 2013, a total of 10 052 prosecutions (summonses and arrest charges) have been instituted against illegal hawking and street obstruction at pedestrian precincts, as shown in Annex 2. Information on the person-count for the prosecutions is not readily available and there is no breakdown on the expenditure involved.

Number of complaints in respect of pedestrian precinct

District	Year	No. of complaints against			
		(a) illegal hawking	(b) street obstruction	Both (a)&(b)	Total
Southern	2009	3	5	3	11
	2010	7	10	2	19
	2011	3	8	1	12
	2012	3	6	1	10
	2013	5	13	2	20
Wan Chai	2009	184	291	0	475
	2010	70	571	0	641
	2011	31	337	0	368
	2012	103	215	0	318
	2013	212	229	0	441
Central and Western	2009	29	10	0	39
	2010	33	10	0	43
	2011	15	18	0	33
	2012	11	4	1	16
	2013	29	10	0	39
North	2009	27	67	0	94
	2010	35	74	0	109
	2011	15	50	0	65
	2012	11	42	0	53
	2013	28	115	1	144
Yuen Long	2009	0	140	2	142
	2010	1	61	7	69
	2011	0	100	6	106
	2012	4	106	12	122
	2013	0	160	8	168
Mong Kok	2009	69	67	13	149
	2010	75	70	26	171
	2011	116	131	123	370
	2012	184	110	52	346
	2013	493	180	91	764

District	Year	No. of complaints against			
		(a) illegal hawking	(b) street obstruction	Both (a)&(b)	Total
Sham Shui Po	2009	65	136	1	202
	2010	75	182	5	262
	2011	23	279	6	308
	2012	43	251	0	294
	2013	171	235	3	409
Yau Tsim	2009	11	12	1	24
	2010	11	3	2	16
	2011	15	4	4	23
	2012	6	4	1	11
	2013	4	25	1	30

Enforcement actions in respect of pedestrian precinct

District	Year	Nature of Offence		Total
		Illegal hawking	Street obstruction	
Southern	2009	19	18	37
	2010	23	19	42
	2011	23	18	41
	2012	23	18	41
	2013	25	19	44
Wanchai	2009	2	188	190
	2010	2	415	417
	2011	3	504	507
	2012	2	293	295
	2013	3	79	82
Central and Western	2009	19	34	53
	2010	23	30	53
	2011	13	17	30
	2012	18	13	31
	2013	51	14	65
North	2009	0	13	13
	2010	0	38	38
	2011	0	35	35
	2012	0	23	23
	2013	0	17	17
Yuen Long	2009	67	221	288
	2010	32	279	311
	2011	18	649	667
	2012	36	813	849
	2013	104	888	992
MongKok	2009	5	551	556
	2010	1	1 059	1 060
	2011	4	1 161	1 165
	2012	12	528	540
	2013	39	619	658
Sham Shui Po	2009	17	63	80
	2010	22	40	62
	2011	17	162	179
	2012	17	78	95
	2013	20	136	156

District	Year	Nature of Offence		Total
		Illegal hawking	Street obstruction	
Yau Tsim	2009	1	82	83
	2010	7	45	52
	2011	24	90	114
	2012	16	66	82
	2013	2	7	9