

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the enforcement against illegal display of posters and banners, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of complaints received in respect of the illegal display of posters and banners from 2012 to 2014, with a breakdown by district; 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 2012 to 2014, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

- (a) The number of complaints received relating to illegal display of posters and banners in 2012, 2013 and 2014 is 3 651, 4 756 and 5 181 respectively. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep a breakdown of the complaints by district.
- (b) The information sought is given below –

Year	2012	2013	2014
No. of unauthorised publicity materials removed	3 340 171	3 148 500	3 002 810
No. of prosecutions taken against unauthorised display of publicity materials in public place	2 391	2 722	3 091

Year	2012	2013	2014
No. of \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices issued	1 563	1 769	2 583

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.

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

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