

**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 promotion of the prohibition on illegal hawking, please advise on the Department's expenditure involved and the expenditure on television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) deters illegal hawking activities through patrol, raiding, and publicity efforts targeted at strategic locations. On publicity, we step up our efforts, where appropriate, at hawker blackspots through mounting of roadside banners, and handing out of notices and letters to stakeholders including licensed hawkers, nearby shops and local residents.

The relevant expenditure is absorbed by the existing resources. In 2014, the Department did not produce any Announcements in the Public Interest on this subject.

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