

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:

Please provide information on the number of prosecutions instituted by the Department against persons involved in street arts performances in Mong Kok district in the year before and in the year after 19 January 2014. Please advise on the reason(s) for the prosecutions, the relevant legislation invoked, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, and the penalties imposed, with a breakdown by year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 306)

Reply:

Street arts performers, like other members of the public, are subject to the laws of Hong Kong, including, inter alia, those against causing nuisance, annoyance or obstruction in any public place to people and/or traffic; noise nuisance; and objectionable performances of an indecent, obscene, revolting or offensive nature.

In the year before and in the year after 19 January 2014, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department had not instituted any prosecution against persons involved in street arts performances in Mong Kok district.

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