

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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 following:

- (1) the number of existing licensed and unlicensed bootblack hawkers in the territory and their trading locations; and
- (2) the number and details of the complaints against bootblack hawkers received, as well as the specific follow-up actions taken by the Department, in each of the past two years; whether any warnings or prosecutions were initiated against bootblack hawkers by the Department in response to the complaints (if yes, the details).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No.310)

Reply:

- (1) As at end of February 2015, there were six licensed bootblack hawkers. They are all located in Central and Western District. The frontline staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department did not come across any unlicensed bootblack hawker last year.
- (2) In 2013, there were two complaints against three licensed bootblack hawkers for causing obstruction. The irregularities were rectified upon issue of verbal warnings to the hawkers concerned. No complaints against licensed bootblack hawkers were received in 2014.