

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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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:

Regarding the Department's efforts to step up enforcement action against shop front extensions (SFEs), please advise on the following:

- a) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted in respect of SFEs in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by district;
- b) whether the Department will set up any dedicated teams to mount raiding operations; if yes, the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s); and
- c) whether any special policy will be introduced in the future to step up the action against street obstruction caused by parallel trading activities.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 409)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided at Annex.
- (b) To step up enforcement against shop front extensions (SFEs), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will strengthen the manpower to tackle the problem. In 2015-16, the Department will create 39 civil service posts, comprising 33 Hawker Control Officer grade staff and six workmen. Three task force teams will be set up to combat SFEs at blackspots. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 39 posts is about \$10.1 million.
- (c) Obstruction caused by parallel traders is a street management issue which falls under the jurisdiction of a number of departments. The Department will continue to participate in inter-departmental operations and take enforcement actions if environmental nuisance is caused by the activities of parallel traders on-street.

Number of Complaints and Prosecutions on Shop Front Extensions

Year \ District	Number of Complaints			Number of Prosecutions		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Central & Western	686	445	631	294	422	660
Wan Chai	561	537	700	3 115	2 134	1 403
Eastern	3 311	2 946	2 655	2 131	2 952	2 841
Southern	200	211	155	698	714	633
Island	127	132	94	13	21	28
Yau Tsim	1 080	1 202	944	637	748	140
Mong Kok	1 508	1 246	1 108	2 208	3 001	2 112
Sham Shui Po	1 374	2 023	2 401	992	1 720	2 307
Kowloon City	724	1 254	1 234	1 274	1 369	1 330
Wong Tai Sin	649	822	456	600	527	675
Kwun Tong	994	1 010	651	964	991	488
Kwai Tsing	801	541	410	909	608	417
Tsuen Wan	3 520	2 695	921	1 693	2 249	1 597
Tuen Mun	568	594	386	1 399	1 369	1 484
Yuen Long	1 849	1 755	4 087	3 221	3 770	3 738
Northern	515	520	710	213	196	189
Tai Po	850	973	622	1 909	2 169	1 185
Shatin	559	758	436	808	1 767	1 056
Sai Kung	285	259	250	489	169	211
Total	20 161	19 923	18 851	23 567	26 896	22 494