

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 enhance enforcement action against shop front extensions (SFEs), the estimated provision for 2015-16 is \$5.1 million higher than that for 2014-15 and there will be an increase of 39 posts. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (1) the titles, duties and estimated annual salaries of the 39 posts; and
- (2) the total number of SFE cases handled in 2014-15 and the number of SFE cases expected to be handled after the creation of the 39 new posts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 132)

Reply:

1. The estimated provision for Programme (3) Market Management and Hawker Control under Head 49: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) for 2015-16 is \$5.1 million higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the increased expenses for enhancing enforcement against shop front extensions (SFE), partly offset by decreased capital expenditure for market management. The information sought regarding the increase in 39 posts for enhancing enforcement against SFE is provided at Annex.
2. In 2014, the Department handled a total of 18 851 complaints against SFE. The Department will continue to handle the SFE cases in accordance with the established procedures. The 39 new posts will be deployed into three task force teams for combating SFE blackspots in the territory. There is no estimation on the number of SFE cases to be handled after the creation of the 39 new posts.

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**The ranks, duties and estimated salaries of the 39 posts  
for enhancing enforcement against shop front extension**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No. of posts</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Approximate annual salaries (\$)</b>
Senior Hawker Control Officer	3	To assist senior officers in planning, prioritizing and organizing day-to-day operations against shop front extension (SFE) at blackspots; and to lead and supervise staff in frontline operations and enforcement actions at SFE blackspots, inclusive of taking arrest and seizure actions as appropriate.	1.235 million
Hawker Control Officer	6	To act as deputy commander to lead and supervise Assistant Hawker Control Officers and Workmen I in operations against SFE at blackspots; to take legal action, inclusive of taking arrest and seizure actions as appropriate; to supervise seizures and assist in disposing of seized goods and paraphernalia, and to attend the subsequent legal proceedings.	2.034 million
Assistant Hawker Control Officer	24	To perform day-to-day operations against SFE at blackspots; to take legal action, inclusive of arrests and seizures; to assist in disposing of seized goods and hawker paraphernalia and keeping proper records of the disposals; and to prepare summons documents according to procedures and provide other support relating to legal actions.	5.933 million
Workman I	6	To perform duties relating to operations against SFE, including the removal of articles, equipment and paraphernalia of offenders, transporting and disposing of the seized articles and cordoning areas off as directed by the senior officers; to remove debris, rubbish, unwanted goods and paraphernalia during operations; to record and check the seized goods; and to keep seized goods centres clean and tidy.	0.939 million