Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3698)

<u>Head</u>: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of offence cases handled by the Hawker Control Teams (HCTs), the number of summonses issued, the amount of fines imposed, and the number of goods and hawking paraphernalia seized in the past three years.

Please also advise on the number of HCT staff in the current year and, among them, the number of staff responsible for front-line enforcement work.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 74)

Reply:

The number of complaint cases handled by the Hawker Control Teams (HCTs), the number of prosecutions and the total amount of fines imposed in the past three calendar years are provided at Annex. Information on the volume of goods and hawking paraphernalia seized is not readily available.

As at 1 January 2015, the number of the HCT staff stands at 2 075. Of them, 2 022 are responsible for front-line enforcement work.

Statistics on complaint cases, prosecutions and fines in the past 3 years

	2012	2013	2014
Number of complaint cases handled	27 546	30 530	30 203
Number of prosecutions	33 545	34 041	31 208
Total amount of fines imposed	\$16,994,149	\$16,125,644	\$16,399,950