

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:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of joint departmental operations conducted by the Department against illegal hawking in each of the five years; and what departments were involved; and
- (2) the Department's criteria for deciding whether the raids were conducted in the form of joint operation and what departments were involved.

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

Hawker management and enforcement duties are undertaken by the Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). Other government departments, such as the Hong Kong Police Force and the Housing Department, may be invited to assist in some of the operations. Whether the raids are conducted in the form of joint operation and whether other departments are involved depend on circumstances specific to each operation, including whether there is real or potential threat to law and order, and whether the operation involves illegal hawkers operating inside public housing estates, etc.

The number of joint operations against illegal hawking in the past five years is set out in the table below:

Year	Number of inter-departmental operation
2011	1 496
2012	1 614
2013	1 867
2014	1 830
2015	1 984

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