

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 disputes or conflicts between law enforcement officers and hawkers or public members during raiding and joint operations in each of the past five years; and whether there were any injuries during the operations; if yes, the number; and
- (2) whether the Department has reviewed the approaches adopted by law enforcement officers in the raiding and joint operations; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

- (1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep statistics on the number of disputes or conflicts between hawker control officers and hawkers or members of the public in hawker management operations. The number of hawker control team staff injured whilst on duty in the past five years is as follows -

Year	No. of hawker control team staff injured
2011	66
2012	53
2013	56
2014	36
2015	40

- (2) To ensure that hawker management operations are effectively carried out, the Department has issued operational guidelines to its staff covering issues such as safety consideration during raiding operations, arrest and prosecution procedures. The guidelines also state clearly that the safety of hawkers, passers-by and hawker control

officers is of primary importance. These guidelines are reviewed from time to time in view of changes in operational requirements and feedback from staff.

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