

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. With regard to inspections to food premises, please provide information as per the table below:

	2013	2014	2015
Number of enforcement actions taken against unlicensed food premises			
Number of enforcement actions taken against unhygienic food premises			
Number of enforcement actions taken against illegal extension of food business area			

2. Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17, it is mentioned that enforcement action will be stepped up against shop front extensions. Please advise on the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure in this respect.
3. Regarding the raiding operations of the Hawker Control Teams, please advise on the actual, revised and estimated expenditure, as well as the average manpower, for launching an operation in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.
4. With regard to street cleansing services, it is mentioned that 34 street washing vehicles will be replaced in 2016-17. Please advise on the estimated serviceable life cycle of each vehicle and the total number of government-owned street washing vehicles in the territory at present.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

1. The information sought is provided in the table below –

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Number of prosecutions against unlicensed food premises	4 573	4 228	3 352
Number of prosecutions against unhygienic food premises	538	352	420
Number of prosecutions against illegal extension of food business area	6 030	3 498	2 003

2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will set up two additional task force squads in 2016-17 comprising two Senior Hawker Control Officer, four Hawker Control Officer, 16 Assistant Hawker Control Officer and four Workman I posts to further strengthen enforcement action and regulatory measures against illegal shop front extensions at blackspots across the territory. The estimated expenditure involved is about \$7.1 million.
3. The actual manpower involved in each operation varies. The Department does not keep statistics on the manpower and expenditure involved in each operation.
4. The average serviceable lifespan of a street washing vehicle is about nine years. At present, the Department has 36 street washing vehicles.

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