

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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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 advise on the number of enforcement actions taken, manpower deployed, as well as the number of verbal warnings issued and prosecutions instituted, by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against unlicensed hawkers during the Lunar New Year period this year, with a breakdown by 18 District Environmental Hygiene Offices.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers during the Lunar New Year period in 2016, i.e. between 7 and 10 February 2016, broken down by 18 districts is provided at Annex. Tackling unlicensed hawkers is an integral part of the multifaceted role of the District Environmental Hygiene Offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. The Department therefore does not keep separate breakdown on the manpower deployed or the number of verbal warnings issued against unlicensed hawkers.

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**Number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers
(between 7 and 10 February 2016)**

District	Number of prosecutions
Central and Western	2
Wan Chai	14
Eastern	0
Southern	0
Islands	0
Yau Tsim Mong	18
Sham Shui Po	7
Kowloon City	0
Wong Tai Sin	0
Kwun Tong	3
Kwai Tsing	0
Tsuen Wan	0
Tuen Mun	3
Yuen Long	13
North	9
Tai Po	0
Shatin	2
Sai Kung	0
Total	71

* An unlicensed hawker may be prosecuted under different provisions of the relevant legislation based on evidence on the ground.