

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

Under Programme (2), it is stated that the Department will “continue to take stringent enforcement actions against unlicensed food premises and food premises which pose immediate health hazards or with illegal extension of food business area”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of enforcement actions taken against unlicensed food premises in the past three years, with a breakdown by district; and
- (b) the number of enforcement actions taken and prosecutions instituted against illegal extension of food business area in the past three years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

- (a) The number of prosecutions against unlicensed food premises broken down by district in the past three years is provided below -

District	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	131	167	265
Wan Chai	178	263	138
Eastern	258	329	388
Southern	34	23	39
Islands	26	79	47
Yau Tsim	288	135	90
Mong Kok	389 (1)*	302	259
Sham Shui Po	169	198	155
Kowloon City	207	236	216
Wong Tai Sin	40	106	161
Kwun Tong	199	225	135
Kwai Tsing	523	340 (1)*	173
Tsuen Wan	699	475	335
Tuen Mun	658	765	389
Yuen Long	876	421 (2)*	184
North	17	22	31
Tai Po	172	165	141
Sha Tin	1381	822 (2)*	352
Sai Kung	50	45	45
Total	6 295	5 118	3 543

* The number in brackets denotes the number of Closure Order granted by the Court to close the unlicensed food premises.

(b) The number of prosecutions and other sanctions instituted against illegal extension of food business area broken down by district in the past three years is provided below –

District	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations
Central and Western	49	0	0	62	1	0	73	6	0
Wan Chai	245	2	0	186	10	1	99	2	0
Eastern	83	9	0	87	27	0	132	29	0
Southern	12	1	0	8	1	0	9	0	0
Islands	21	0	0	24	0	0	29	5	0
Yau Tsim	306	21	7	61	5	1	56	1	0
Mong Kok	345	8	4	198	8	1	174	9	2
Sham Shui Po	111	27	0	71	9	2	113	15	0
Kowloon City	84	8	1	34	6	1	38	8	0
Wong Tai Sin	64	19	0	65	12	0	83	9	0
Kwun Tong	145	11	1	67	6	0	69	4	0
Kwai Tsing	423	1	1	206	3	0	30	1	1
Tsuen Wan	601	27	12	162	7	4	131	0	1
Tuen Mun	713	22	4	701	20	3	374	13	1
Yuen Long	1 105	27	24	645	40	4	282	25	2

District	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations
North	49	4	0	43	3	0	42	2	0
Tai Po	154	6	0	103	7	0	40	7	0
Sha Tin	1 440	26	11	699	10	3	130	12	1
Sai Kung	80	2	0	76	0	0	99	0	0
Total #	6 030	221	65	3 498	175	20	2 003	148	8

The decrease in the number of prosecutions and other sanctions instituted against illegal extension of food business area in the past three years was mainly attributable to our implementation of enhanced control measures against illegal extension of food business area since mid-2013.