

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:

- (1) Please advise on the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted by the Department in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by year and the 18 districts in the territory.
- (2) Please advise on the manpower and expenditure involved in the Department's action against shop front extensions in each of the past three years; and given the implementation of the Fixed Penalty System in the immediate future, the manpower and expenditure in this respect in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

- (1) Information sought in respect of shop front extensions (SFEs) is provided at Annex.
- (2) For 2013-14 and 2014-15, the manpower and expenditure involved in actions against SFEs was absorbed by the then available resources of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). In 2015-2016, the Department set up three task force teams to combat SFEs at blackspots by creating 39 civil service posts, comprising 33 Hawker Control Officer (HCO) grade staff and six workmen. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 39 posts is about \$10.1 million.

In 2016-2017, the Department will set up two additional task force teams, comprising 22 HCO grade staff and four workmen, to further strengthen enforcement against SFEs across the territory. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 26 posts is about \$7.1 million. The Fixed Penalty System being set up seeks to provide an additional tool for tackling SFE problems. Any work involved would be taken as part of the Department's overall enforcement work in this respect.

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**Number of Complaints and Prosecutions
against Shop Front Extensions**

District \ Year	Number of Complaints			Number of Prosecutions		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	445	631	563	422	660	780
Wan Chai	537	700	688	2 134	1 403	1 470
Eastern	2 946	2 655	1 615	2 952	2 841	1 657
Southern	211	155	282	714	633	593
Islands	132	94	125	21	28	30
Yau Tsim	1 202	944	767	748	140	140
Mong Kok	1 246	1 108	1 777	3 001	2 112	2 298
Sham Shui Po	2 023	2 401	2 204	1 720	2 307	2 156
Kowloon City	1 254	1 234	1 152	1 369	1 330	891
Wong Tai Sin	822	456	377	527	675	869
Kwun Tong	1 010	651	409	991	488	242
Kwai Tsing	541	410	290	608	417	338
Tsuen Wan	2 695	921	893	2 249	1 597	1 739
Tuen Mun	594	386	373	1 369	1 484	684
Yuen Long	1 755	4 087	1 517	3 770	3 738	2 878
North	520	710	468	196	189	328
Tai Po	973	622	340	2 169	1 185	755
Shatin	758	436	333	1 767	1 056	690
Sai Kung	259	250	201	169	211	166
Total	19 923	18 851	14 374	26 896	22 494	18 704