

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 inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in relation to unlicensed hawkers, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, as well as the manpower and administrative charges involved, in each of the past ten years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 303)

Reply:

Information on the number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers, and the manpower and expenditure for hawker control in the past five years is provided at Annex. Taking out enforcement action against unlicensed hawkers is part of the duties of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's hawker control staff. Further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action is not available.

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Number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers

Calendar year	Number of prosecutions	Number of convictions
2011	28 576	25 169
2012	27 457	25 234
2013	29 243	26 294
2014	26 025	28 206
2015	23 054	23 473

Note : Prosecutions instituted in a year may be convicted in the following year.

**Manpower and expenditure
incurred in hawker control**

Financial year	Number of staff	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12	2 204	809.5
2012-13	2 204	850.2
2013-14	2 204	912.1
2014-15	2 209	951.8
2015-16 (revised estimate)	2 210	1,006.0