

**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 hawkers, pitches and market stalls, 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. 304)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not separately keep statistics on the number of inspections to licensed hawker stalls and public market stalls. Information on the number of prosecutions and convictions against licensed hawkers or public market tenants, as well as the manpower and expenditure incurred in hawker control and management of public markets in the past five years is provided at Annex.

Taking out enforcement action is part of the duties of the Department's hawker control and market management staff. Further breakdown on the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action is not available.

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**Enforcement action  
against licensed hawkers and public market tenants**

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Licensed Hawkers</b>		<b>Public Market Tenants</b>	
	<b>Number of prosecutions</b>	<b>Number of convictions</b>	<b>Number of prosecutions</b>	<b>Number of convictions</b>
2011	6 704	5 048	1 259	1 244
2012	6 088	5 256	1 307	1 287
2013	4 798	5 064	1 265	1 257
2014	5 183	5 805	1 291	1 214
2015	4 493	5 622	1 658	1 523

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

**Manpower and expenditure incurred in  
hawker control and management of public markets**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Licensed Hawkers</b>		<b>Public Markets</b>	
	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	2 204	809.5	245	575.0
2012-13	2 204	850.2	244	628.8
2013-14	2 204	912.1	253	648.7
2014-15	2 209	951.8	256	741.0
2015-16 (revised estimate)	2 210	1,006.0	256	738.1