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Question:

Please advise on the number of clearance operations undertaken by the Department against street sleepers (at spots occupied by street sleepers), as well as the number of in-house staff and expenditure involved, in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 316)

Reply:

Cases involving street sleepers are street management issues that cut across the responsibilities of a number of government departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), Lands Department, Highways Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Social Welfare Department and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), as appropriate. FEHD participates in the joint operations coordinated by Districts Offices of HAD to remove abandoned articles and provide cleansing services to relevant places out of environmental hygiene considerations. The number of joint operations which FEHD took part in over the past five years is as follows –

Year	No. of joint operations
2011-12	627
2012-13	651
2013-14	610
2014-15	520
2015-16 (up to 29 February 2016)	441

FEHD does not keep separate statistics on the number of staff involved and expenditure incurred in these joint operations.