

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

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:

With regard to the Department's efforts to step up enforcement action against shop front extensions (SFEs), please advise on the following:

- (1) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted in respect of SFEs in each of the past two years, with a breakdown by district;
- (2) whether the Department will set up any dedicated teams to mount raiding operations; if yes, the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s); and
- (3) whether any special policy will be introduced in the future to step up the action against street obstruction caused by parallel trading activities.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 396)

Reply:

- (1) The information sought is given at Annexes I and II respectively.
- (2) To step up enforcement against shop front extensions (SFEs) at blackspots, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) set up three task force teams in 2015-16 by creating 39 civil service posts, comprising 33 Hawker Control Officer (HCO) grade staff and six workmen. In 2016-17, the Department will set up two additional task force teams, comprising 22 HCO grade staff and four workmen to further strengthen enforcement action against SFEs in the territory generally. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 26 posts is about \$7.1 million.
- (3) Obstruction caused by parallel traders is a street management issue which falls under the jurisdiction of a number of departments. The Department will continue to participate in inter-departmental operations and take enforcement actions if environmental nuisance is caused by the activities of parallel traders on-street.

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### Number of Complaints against Shop Front Extensions

District	2014	2015
Central and Western	631	563
Wan Chai	700	688
Eastern	2 655	1 615
Southern	155	282
Islands	94	125
Yau Tsim	944	767
Mong Kok	1 108	1 777
Sham Shui Po	2 401	2 204
Kowloon City	1 234	1 152
Wong Tai Sin	456	377
Kwun Tong	651	409
Kwai Tsing	410	290
Tsuen Wan	921	893
Tuen Mun	386	373
Yuen Long	4 087	1 517
North	710	468
Tai Po	622	340
Shatin	436	333
Sai Kung	250	201
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 851</b>	<b>14 374</b>

**Number of Prosecutions against Shop Front Extensions**

<b>District</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Central and Western	660	780
Wan Chai	1 403	1 470
Eastern	2 841	1 657
Southern	633	593
Islands	28	30
Yau Tsim	140	140
Mong Kok	2 112	2 298
Sham Shui Po	2 307	2 156
Kowloon City	1 330	891
Wong Tai Sin	675	869
Kwun Tong	488	242
Kwai Tsing	417	338
Tsuen Wan	1 597	1 739
Tuen Mun	1 484	684
Yuen Long	3 738	2 878
North	189	328
Tai Po	1 185	755
Shatin	1 056	690
Sai Kung	211	166
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 494</b>	<b>18 704</b>