

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With respect to the actions taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against illegal extension of business area by licensed restaurants, please provide the number of inspections conducted, verbal or written warnings issued, prosecutions instituted, and licences suspended or cancelled in the past three years, with a breakdown by district environmental hygiene office.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 473)

Reply:

The required statistics are provided at Annex. Patrolling, and while doing so, maintaining vigilance against illegal extension of business area and where such happens, giving warnings to the operators, are integral parts of the daily operation of the relevant staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Hence, no separate statistics on inspections and warnings are kept.

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Annex

The number of enforcement actions instituted against illegal extension of food business area by licensed restaurants broken down by district environmental hygiene office (DEHO) in the past three years is provided below –

DEHO	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations
Central and Western	33	0	0	41	0	0	40	5	0
Wan Chai	66	2	0	44	10	1	43	1	0
Eastern	57	7	0	49	17	0	45	13	0
Southern	10	1	0	5	1	0	7	0	0
Islands	18	0	0	18	0	0	28	5	0
Yau Tsim	195	20	6	28	5	1	39	1	0
Mong Kok	177	8	3	97	5	1	89	5	0
Sham Shui Po	56	14	0	29	7	0	50	9	0
Kowloon City	58	6	1	22	5	1	25	7	0
Wong Tai Sin	60	17	0	41	12	0	69	9	0
Kwun Tong	34	8	1	22	4	0	28	4	0
Kwai Tsing	38	0	1	19	3	0	5	0	1
Tsuen Wan	217	19	10	53	5	4	67	0	1
Tuen Mun	162	15	1	150	8	1	112	5	1

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Yuen Long	407	26	22	269	33	2	114	21	2
North	41	2	0	42	3	0	39	1	0
Tai Po	50	5	0	45	7	0	36	7	0
Sha Tin	280	22	10	156	7	2	47	7	1
Sai Kung	63	2	0	53	0	0	85	0	0
Total [#]	2 022	174	55	1 183	132	13	968	100	6

[#] The decrease in the number of prosecutions, licence suspensions and licence cancellations instituted against illegal extension of food business area by licensed restaurants in 2014 and 2015 was mainly attributable to the implementation of enhanced control measures since mid-2013.