

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
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:

It is mentioned that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will “continue to enforce against shop front extensions (SFEs)”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. the number of complaints against SFEs received in the past 3 years (i.e. 2014-2016), with a breakdown by year and district;
2. the staff establishment and strength of the Hawker Control Officer grade of the Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and rank;
3. the number of complaints received and fixed penalty notices issued since the commencement of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (the Ordinance); and
4. whether the Department has allocated additional manpower for the enforcement of the Ordinance; if yes, the details and expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

1. The information sought is at Annex I.
2. The information sought is at Annex II.
3. The number of complaints received and fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) between the commencement of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (the Ordinance) on 24 September 2016 and 31 December 2016 is 5 087 and 2 090 respectively.

4. In 2015-16, the Department set up 3 task force teams to combat shop front extensions (SFEs) at blackspots by creating 39 civil service posts, comprising 33 Hawker Control Officer (HCO) grade staff and 6 workmen. In 2016-17, the Department set up 2 additional task force teams, comprising 22 HCO grade staff and 4 workmen, to further strengthen enforcement against SFEs across the territory which included the issue of FPNs under the Ordinance with effect from 24 September 2016. The expenditure involved in creating the said new posts in 2015-16 and 2016-17 was about \$17.2 million.

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Number of complaints against SFE

District	Year		
	2014	2015	2016
Central and Western	631	563	756
Wan Chai	700	688	888
Eastern	2 655	1 615	1 399
Southern	155	282	299
Islands	94	125	129
Yau Tsim	944	767	809
Mong Kok	1 108	1 777	1 847
Sham Shui Po	2 401	2 204	2 910
Kowloon City	1 234	1 152	934
Wong Tai Sin	456	377	334
Kwun Tong	651	409	859
Kwai Tsing	410	290	489
Tsuen Wan	921	893	931
Tuen Mun	386	373	346
Yuen Long	4 087	1 517	1 483
North	710	468	554
Tai Po	622	340	585
Shatin	436	333	380
Sai Kung	250	201	232
Total	18 851	14 374	16 164

Staff establishment of Hawker Control Officer grade

Year	Rank	Establishment
2014 (as at 1.4.2014)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	230
	Hawker Control Officer	312
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 597
	Grade Total	2 209
2015 (as at 1.4.2015)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	231
	Hawker Control Officer	312
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 597
	Grade Total	2 210
2016 (as at 1.4.2016)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	234
	Hawker Control Officer	318
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 621
	Grade Total	2 243

The strength of the Hawker Control Officer grade in 2014, 2015 and 2016 (position as at 1 April of the respective year) was 2 079, 2 145 and 2 105 respectively.