

**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:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is responsible for enforcement against shop front extensions (SFEs). Please advise on the number of prosecutions which have so far been instituted in this regard, the number of successful prosecutions, and the penalties imposed in general.

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

In 2016, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) instituted 14 307 prosecutions against shop front extensions (SFEs). There were 11 238 convictions, and the fines imposed were on average about \$750.

Prosecutions aside, between the commencement of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap.570) on 24 September 2016 and 31 December 2016, the Department issued a total of 2 090 Fixed Penalty Notices, each carrying a fine of \$1,500, in respect of SFEs. The fines involved were about \$3.14 million.

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