

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:

Please advise on the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in relation to unlicensed hawkers, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, as well as the manpower and administrative charges involved, in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1991)

Reply:

The number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers, and the manpower and expenditure of hawker control for the past 5 years (from 2012 to 2016) are provided at Annex. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not compile statistics on the number of inspections made to unlicensed hawkers.

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**Number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers
(2012-2016)**

Year	Number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers	Number of convictions against unlicensed hawkers
2012	27 457	25 234
2013	29 243	26 294
2014	26 025	28 206
2015	23 054	23 473
2016	15 310	14 372

**Manpower and expenditure in hawker control
(2012-2016)**

Year	Manpower	Total Expenditure* (\$ million)
2012-13	2 204	850.2
2013-14	2 204	912.1
2014-15	2 209	951.8
2015-16	2 210	1,025.2
2016-17 (revised estimate)	2 243	1,076.0

*Enforcement against unlicensed hawker is only part of the duties of hawker control staff. Further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action is not available.