

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Please advise on the number of clearance operations undertaken by the Department against street sleepers (at spots occupied by street sleepers), as well as the number of in-house staff and expenditure involved, in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 2206)

Reply:

Cases of street sleepers involve street management issues that cut across the responsibilities of a number of government departments. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) participates in the joint operations coordinated by District Offices of the Home Affairs Department to remove abandoned articles and provide cleansing services out of environmental hygiene considerations. The number of joint operations in which FEHD took part in the past 5 years is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of joint operations</b>
2012-13	651
2013-14	610
2014-15	520
2015-16	481
2016-17 (up to 28 February 2017)	420

FEHD does not keep separate statistics on the number of staff involved and expenditure incurred in these joint operations.