

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)

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Question:

Under this Programme, it is stated that the Department will “continue to take stringent enforcement actions against unlicensed food premises and food premises which pose immediate health hazards or with illegal extension of food business area”. Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of enforcement actions taken against unlicensed food premises in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by district; and
- (b) the number of enforcement actions taken and prosecutions instituted against illegal extension of food business area in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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- (a) The number of prosecutions against unlicensed food premises broken down by district in the past 3 years is provided below -

District	2014	2015	2016
Central and Western	167	265	262
Wan Chai	263	138	190
Eastern	329	388	307 (1)*
Southern	23	39	69
Islands	79	47	29
Yau Tsim	135	90	141
Mong Kok	302	259	145
Sham Shui Po	198	155	156
Kowloon City	236	216	102
Wong Tai Sin	106	161	131
Kwun Tong	225	135	93
Kwai Tsing	340 (1)*	173	234
Tsuen Wan	475	335	140
Tuen Mun	765	389	236
Yuen Long	421 (2)*	184	184
North	22	31	27
Tai Po	165	141	103
Sha Tin	822 (2)*	352	354
Sai Kung	45	45	56
Total	5 118	3 543	2 959

- * The number in brackets denotes the number of Closure Order granted by the Court to close the unlicensed food premises.

(b) The number of prosecutions and other sanctions instituted against illegal extension of food business area broken down by district in the past 3 years is provided below –

District	2014			2015			2016		
	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	62	1	0	73	6	0	93	1	0
Wan Chai	186	10	1	99	2	0	125	3	1
Eastern	87	27	0	132	29	0	44	19	0
Southern	8	1	0	9	0	0	14	0	0
Islands	24	0	0	29	5	0	36	0	0
Yau Tsim	61	5	1	56	1	0	50	0	0
Mong Kok	198	8	1	174	9	2	164	3	0
Sham Shui Po	71	9	2	113	15	0	103	21	1
Kowloon City	34	6	1	38	8	0	31	3	2
Wong Tai Sin	65	12	0	83	9	0	79	3	0
Kwun Tong	67	6	0	69	4	0	68	1	0
Kwai Tsing	206	3	0	30	1	1	34	1	0
Tsuen Wan	162	7	4	131	0	1	89	1	0

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	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
Tuen Mun	701	20	3	374	13	1	194	7	2
Yuen Long	645	40	4	282	25	2	188	14	1
North	43	3	0	42	2	0	50	2	0
Tai Po	103	7	0	40	7	0	52	1	0
Sha Tin	699	10	3	130	12	1	171	1	1
Sai Kung	76	0	0	99	0	0	97	1	0
Total #	3 498	175	20	2 003	148	8	1 682	82	8

The decrease in the number of prosecutions and other sanctions instituted against illegal extension of food business area in the past 3 years was mainly attributable to our implementation of enhanced control measures against illegal extension of food business area since mid-2013.