

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)326****(Question Serial No. 4273)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the inspections to food premises by the Department in the past 3 years, please advise on the number of inspections conducted, the number and nature of cases of irregularities detected, the types of premises involved and the districts in which these premises were located, as well as the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 46)Reply:

The required statistics, provided on a calendar-year basis, are given below –

	2014	2015	2016
(a) Number of inspections to licensed food premises	208 380	204 349	213 812
(b) Number of prosecutions instituted against licensed food premises	2 599	2 313	2 024
(c) Number of warnings issued under the licensing regime for breach of licensing requirements/conditions	1 223	1 376	1 289

The breakdown by nature of irregularities is at Annex. There are no separate statistics on the types and locations of premises involved.

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**Prosecutions Instituted Against Licensed Food Premises
in 2014, 2015 and 2016**

Nature of Irregularities	No. of Prosecutions		
	2014	2015	2016
Dirty food premises / presence of vermins, live birds or animals	6	13	14
Dirty equipment and utensils	13	23	12
Food not protected from risk of contamination	3	7	7
Sub-standard fish tank water	0	3	1
Improper storage of open food	93	121	116
Use of open space for scullery / food preparation / storage of food utensils	144	150	93
Dirty food room / improper repair of food room	38	61	50
Dirty toilet	0	3	2
Alteration of premises or fittings	4	12	10
Alteration to the approved layout of the premises	207	157	118
Sale of restricted food without permission	10	8	16
Operating other types of unlicensed food business	24	34	111
Extension of food business beyond licensed area	610	495	302
Obstruction of public places	1 410	1 171	1 136
Other irregularities such as smoking in food room; sale of fresh and chilled meat at the same premises; sale of food unfit for human consumption; sale of food which was not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the purchaser; and fresh meat containing preservative etc.	37	55	36
Total	2 599	2 313	2 024

Note: The number of prosecutions against licensed food premises dropped from 2 599 in 2014 to 2 024 in 2016. This was attributable mainly to the significant drop in the number of cases involving illegal extension of food business area and obstruction of public places by licensed food premises in 2015 and 2016, relative to 2014.