

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

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:

With regard to the “joint operations against illegal hawking with other departments”, please advise this Committee on the following information in each of the past 5 years:

- (1) the number of joint operations conducted with the Hong Kong Police Force;
- (2) the number of joint operations conducted with the Housing Department; and
- (3) the number of joint operations conducted with other departments, with a breakdown by department.

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3137)

Reply:

Hawker management and enforcement duties are undertaken by the Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Other government departments, such as the Hong Kong Police Force and the Housing Department, may be invited to assist in some of the operations. Whether the raids are conducted in the form of joint operation and whether other departments are involved depend on circumstances specific to each operation, including whether there is real or potential threat to law and order, and whether the operation involves illegal hawkers operating inside public housing estates, etc.

The number of joint operations against illegal hawking in the past 5 years is set out in the table below:

Year	Number of inter-departmental operations
2012	1 614
2013	1 867
2014	1 830
2015	1 984
2016	2 009

Further breakdown on the number of joint operations conducted with individual department is not available.

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