

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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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 enforcement against shop front extensions (SFE), please advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted by the Department in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and the 18 districts in the territory;
- 2) the manpower and expenditure involved in the Department's action against SFE in each of the past 3 years; and
- 3) given the implementation of the Fixed Penalty System, the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued in 2016-17 as well as the estimated manpower and expenditure for 2017-18.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 94)

Reply:

1. The number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against shop front extensions (SFEs) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and district is provided at Annex.
2. For 2014-15, the manpower and expenditure involved in actions against SFEs was absorbed by the then available resources of the Department. In 2015-16, the Department set up 3 task force teams to combat SFEs at blackspots by creating 39 civil service posts. In 2016-17, the Department set up 2 additional task force teams with the creation of 26 civil service posts, to further strengthen enforcement against SFEs across the territory which included the issue of fixed penalty notices under the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570). The expenditure involved in creating the above posts in 2015-16 and 2016-17 was about \$17.2 million.
3. Between the commencement of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction)

Ordinance (Cap.570) on 24 September 2016 and 31 December 2016, the Department issued a total of 2 090 Fixed Penalty Notices against SFEs. The fixed penalty system provides an additional tool for tackling SFE problems. Any work involved would be taken as part of the Department's overall enforcement work in this respect and there is no specific estimated manpower and expenditure on this for 2017-18.

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**Number of Complaints Received and Prosecutions by the Department  
on Shop Front Extensions**

District	Number of Complaints			Number of Prosecutions		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Central & Western	631	563	756	660	780	670
Wan Chai	700	688	888	1 403	1 470	889
Eastern	2 655	1 615	1 399	2 841	1 657	721
Southern	155	282	299	633	593	431
Islands	94	125	129	28	30	36
Yau Tsim	944	767	809	140	140	184
Mong Kok	1 108	1 777	1 847	2 112	2 298	1 522
Sham Shui Po	2 401	2 204	2 910	2 307	2 156	1 813
Kowloon City	1 234	1 152	934	1 330	891	613
Wong Tai Sin	456	377	334	675	869	624
Kwun Tong	651	409	859	488	242	269
Kwai Tsing	410	290	489	417	338	359
Tsuen Wan	921	893	931	1 597	1 739	2 463
Tuen Mun	386	373	346	1 484	684	546
Yuen Long	4 087	1 517	1 483	3 738	2 878	1 946
North	710	468	554	189	328	233
Tai Po	622	340	585	1 185	755	280
Sha Tin	436	333	380	1 056	690	590
Sai Kung	250	201	232	211	166	118
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 851</b>	<b>14 374</b>	<b>16 164</b>	<b>22 494</b>	<b>18 704</b>	<b>14 307</b>