

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to enforce against shop front extensions (SFEs) this year. In order to understand the manpower arrangement for the enforcement actions, please provide the following information for the years 2016-17 and 2017-18, as well as the estimates for 2018-19:

- (a) the number of enforcement actions against SFEs (including joint operations);
- (b) the grades, staff establishment and strength involved for each dedicated enforcement team (DET)/task force team; and
- (c) the division of responsibilities among staff of different grades in the DET/task force team.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 13)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought for the calendar years 2016 and 2017 is at Annex. The number of enforcement actions against SFEs in 2018 will depend on the actual situation on the ground.
- (b) and (c) The existing Hawker Control Team and the Hawker Control Task Forces in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) are mainly responsible for managing licensed hawkers and tackling illegal hawking on streets including those related to SFEs. They are also the core staff in enforcing anti-littering offences. In 2016-17, the Department set up 2 additional dedicated task force teams by creating 26 civil service posts, comprising 22 Hawker Control Officer (HCO) grade staff and 4 workmen, to further strengthen enforcement against SFEs across the territory. There are at present a total of 5 dedicated task force teams comprising 55 HCO grade staff and 10 workmen responsible for enforcement against illegal SFEs. The HCO grade staff in the dedicated task force teams will conduct daily blitz operations

at selected SFE blackspots and take out enforcement action against offenders for breach of relevant legislation. The workmen in the task force teams will provide assistance during operations, including the removal of seized/abandoned goods from the scene, transportation and hand over of them to seized goods stores.

Number of enforcement actions against SFEs

Enforcement action	Year	
	2016	2017
Summons	8 794	2 875
Arrest	5 513	1 329
Seizure of article or thing	1 558	1 103
Fixed Penalty Notice (with effect from 24 September 2016)	2 090	6 865

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