

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

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:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to take enforcement actions against shop front extensions in 2018-19. Please advise on the staff establishment and expenditure to be involved. Besides, please advise on the staff establishment and number of enforcement actions in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 26)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep statistics on manpower and expenditure specific to enforcement actions against shop front extensions (SFEs). The manpower and expenditure involved in actions against SFEs will be absorbed by the Department by its existing resources.

The manpower involved in hawker management as a whole (which includes enforcement against SFEs) as well as the number of enforcement actions against SFEs in each of the past 3 years, with breakdown by year are provided in Annexes I and II respectively.

Staff establishment of Hawker Control Officer grade

Year	Rank	Establishment
2015 (as at 31.12.2015)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	234
	Hawker Control Officer	318
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 621
	Grade Total	2 243
2016 (as at 31.12.2016)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	236
	Hawker Control Officer	326
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 633
	Grade Total	2 265
2017 (as at 31.12.2017)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	235
	Hawker Control Officer	326
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 633
	Grade Total	2 264

The strength of the Hawker Control Officer grade in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (position as at 31 December of the respective year) was 2 058, 2 129 and 2 133 respectively.

Number of enforcement actions against shop front extensions (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

* The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of enforcement actions against SFEs in 2015.

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