

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)300****(Question Serial No. 3753)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the number of public cleanliness offences committed by non-resident visitors in Hong Kong in the past 5 years, including the number of verbal warnings given and fixed penalty notices issued, as well as the amount of outstanding fines.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 251)

Reply:

Officers of seven government departments, namely the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Housing Department, Environmental Protection Department, Marine Department and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, are authorised under the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance, Cap. 570 (the Ordinance) to issue fixed penalty notices (the Notices). When cleanliness offences under the Ordinance are witnessed, the authorised officers of the enforcement departments will issue the Notices to the offenders without giving verbal warnings. The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
No. of the Notices issued to non-resident visitors	2 836	2 812	4 401	4 874	6 191
No. of the Notices issued to non-resident visitors with outstanding payment of fines	39	25	74	338	1 512

Note

The large number of cases of outstanding payment of fines in 2017 reflects the payment status in early 2018. The enforcement departments will follow the established procedures to recover the outstanding payment from the offenders.

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