

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:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) with regard to the prosecutions instituted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against environmental hygiene related offences, the number of convicted cases in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by type of hawkers (licensed hawkers, unlicensed hawkers, market stalls, ...);
- (2) the number of inspections conducted by the Department in relation to hawkers, pitches and market stalls, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, as well as the manpower and administrative charges involved, in each of the past 5 years (please set out the information in tabular form); and
- (3) the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 2061)

Reply:

- (1) Information on the number of convictions on licensed and unlicensed hawkers, and market stalls in public markets for the past 5 years (from 2013 to 2017) is provided at Annex I.
- (2) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not separately keep statistics on the number of inspections to licensed hawker stalls and public market stalls. Information on the number of prosecutions and convictions against licensed hawkers or public market tenants, as well as the manpower and expenditure incurred in hawker control and management of public markets in the past 5 years (from 2013 to 2017) is provided at Annex II.

Taking out enforcement action is part of the duties of the Department's hawker control and market management staff. Further breakdown on the manpower and expenditure on prosecution is not available.

- (3) Information on the estimated number of "unlicensed hawkers" in 18 districts over the past 5 years (from 2013 to 2017) is provided at Annex III.

**Number of convictions on licensed
and unlicensed hawkers, and market stalls in public markets
(2013 – 2017)**

Year	No. of convictions		
	Licensed hawker	Unlicensed hawker	Market stall
2013	5 064	26 294	1 257
2014	5 805	28 206	1 214
2015	5 622	23 473	1 523
2016	3 431	14 372	1 911
2017	3 201	6 270	1 916

**Enforcement action
against licensed hawkers and public market tenants**

Calendar year	Licensed hawkers		Public market tenants	
	Number of prosecutions	Number of convictions	Number of prosecutions	Number of convictions
2013	4 798	5 064	1 265	1 257
2014	5 183	5 805	1 291	1 214
2015	4 493	5 622	1 658	1 523
2016	3 787	3 431	2 065	1 911
2017	3 765	3 201	1 893	1 916

Note : Prosecutions instituted in a year may not be convicted in the same year.

**Manpower and expenditure incurred in
hawker control and management of public markets**

Financial Year	Licensed Hawkers		Public Markets	
	Number of staff	Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of staff	Expenditure (\$ million)
2013-14	2 204	912.1	383	648.7
2014-15	2 209	951.8	384	741.0
2015-16	2 210	1,025.2	376	720.4
2016-17	2 243	1,108.8	390	840.0
2017-18	2 264	1,083.6 (revised estimate)	386	800.6 (revised estimate)

**Estimated number of unlicensed hawkers
Broken down by district in the past 5 years**

District	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Central and Western	148	148	143	143	141
Wan Chai	36	27	26	16	39
Eastern	131	130	55	48	48
Southern	44	41	49	42	33
Islands	20	15	15	16	18
Yau Tsim Mong	256	302	281	295	301
Sham Shui Po	248	281	411	388	460
Kowloon City	62	63	64	64	61
Wong Tai Sin	21	36	35	49	16
Kwun Tong	119	56	100	79	63
Kwai Tsing	75	69	68	63	63
Tsuen Wan	18	9	7	6	2
Tuen Mun	50	54	51	51	45
Yuen Long	27	40	26	22	28
North	78	79	72	72	62
Tai Po	20	33	35	29	23
Shatin	57	47	42	31	52
Sai Kung	13	10	8	16	10
Inside Housing Estates*	40	40	106	24	9
Total	1 463	1 480	1 594	1 454	1 474

*Note : Figures provided by Housing Department. No further breakdown by district is available.

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