

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:

Please advise this Committee, in each of the past 5 years:

- (1) the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in relation to unlicensed hawkers, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, as well as the manpower and administrative charges involved; and
- (2) the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 2062)

Reply:

- (1) The number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers, and the manpower and expenditure of hawker control for the past 5 years (from 2013 to 2017) are provided at Annex I. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not compile statistics on the number of inspections made to unlicensed hawkers.
- (2) The information on the estimated number of "unlicensed hawkers" in 18 districts over the past 5 years (from 2013 to 2017) is provided at Annex II.

**Number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers
(2013-2017)**

Year	Number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers	Number of convictions against unlicensed hawkers
2013	29 243	26 294
2014	26 025	28 206
2015	23 054	23 473
2016	15 310	14 372
2017	6 402	6 270

**Manpower and expenditure in hawker control
(2013-2017)**

Year	Manpower	Total Expenditure* (\$ million)
2013-14	2 204	912.1
2014-15	2 209	951.8
2015-16	2 210	1,025.2
2016-17	2 243	1,108.8
2017-18 (revised estimate)	2 264	1,083.6

- * Enforcement against unlicensed hawker is only part of the duties of hawker control staff. Further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action is not available.

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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