

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)360****(Question Serial No. 4976)**

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)

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Question:

With regard to the joint departmental operations conducted by the Department against illegal hawking, please provide information on the estimated expenditure involved and the number of raids conducted in each of the past 5 years. Please also provide the average number of in-house staff involved in each operation.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 173)

Reply:

Hawker management and enforcement duties are undertaken by the Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The Department does not separately keep statistics on the number of staff involved in each joint departmental operation against illegal hawking, which depends on the circumstances specific to each case. The estimated expenditure on hawker management is \$1,106 million in 2018-19. There is no further breakdown on the expenditure on joint departmental operations against illegal hawking. The number of joint departmental operations conducted in the past 5 years is given below –

Calendar year	No. of joint operations against illegal hawking
2013	1 867
2014	1 830
2015	1 984
2016	2 009
2017	1 951

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