

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 set out the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene 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 10 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 169)

Reply:

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.

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.

**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 be convicted in the following 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)

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