

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:

With regard to the enforcement against shop front extensions (SFE), please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and the 18 districts in the territory;
- 2) the manpower and expenditure involved in the Department's actions against SFE in each of the past 3 years; and
- 3) given the implementation of the fixed penalty system, the number of fixed penalty notices issued in 2017-18, as well as the estimated manpower and expenditure for 2018-19.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 150)

Reply:

- 1) The number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against shop front extensions (SFEs) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and district, is provided at Annex I.
- 2) Taking out enforcement action against SFEs is part of the duties of the Department's hawker control staff. Information on the manpower involved and expenditure incurred in hawker control in each of the past 3 years is provided at Annex II. Further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action in this aspect is not available.

- 3) In 2017, the Department issued a total of 6 865 Fixed Penalty Notices against SFEs. The fixed penalty system provides an additional tool for tackling SFE problems. Any work involved would be taken as part of the Department's overall enforcement work in this respect and there is no specific estimated manpower and expenditure on this for 2018-19.

**Number of Complaints Received and Prosecutions by the Department
on Shop Front Extensions**

District	Number of Complaints			Number of Prosecutions*		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Central & Western	563	756	931	780	670	280
Wan Chai	688	888	656	1 470	889	211
Eastern	1 615	1 399	1 146	1 657	721	387
Southern	282	299	317	593	431	190
Islands	125	129	110	30	36	60
Yau Tsim	767	809	770	140	184	140
Mong Kok	1 777	1 847	1 222	2 298	1 522	241
Sham Shui Po	2 204	2 910	2 892	2 156	1 813	456
Kowloon City	1 152	934	766	891	613	77
Wong Tai Sin	377	334	542	869	624	110
Kwun Tong	409	859	1 299	242	269	201
Kwai Tsing	290	489	343	338	359	270
Tsuen Wan	893	931	921	1 739	2 463	224
Tuen Mun	373	346	306	684	546	357
Yuen Long	1 517	1 483	1 806	2 878	1 946	712
North	468	554	359	328	233	37
Tai Po	340	585	1 092	755	280	61
Sha Tin	333	380	226	690	590	87
Sai Kung	201	232	217	166	118	103
Total	14 374	16 164	15 921	18 704	14 307	4 204

Note: * The Fixed Penalty System against SFEs was introduced on 24 September 2016. The figure does not include the Fixed Penalty Notices issued by the Department against SFEs.

**Manpower and expenditure
incurred in hawker control**

Financial year	Number of staff	Expenditure (\$ million)
2015-16	2 210	1,025.2
2016-17	2 243	1,108.8
2017-18 (revised estimate)	2 264	1,083.6

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