

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)175****(Question Serial No. 0760)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

The work of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department involves “abating environmental nuisances relating to dripping air-conditioners”. Please advise this Committee on the following:

Regarding the enforcement of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance against dripping air-conditioners in the past 5 years, please set out (with a breakdown by year): (a) the number of verbal warnings or advisory letters issued; (b) the number of nuisance notices issued; and (c) the number of prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)Reply:

Statistics on enforcement against dripping air-conditioners under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in the past 5 years are provided as follows –

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
No. of nuisance notices issued	840	1 054	2 689	4 149	3 675
No. of prosecutions instituted (Note)	3	7	81	93	61

Note: A nuisance notice will be issued when nuisance exists, requiring the nuisance be abated within a specified period. Prosecution will be taken when nuisance notices are unheeded.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of verbal warnings and advisory letters issued.

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