

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

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 on the number of prosecutions instituted against unlicensed hawkers by the Hawker Control Teams, as well as the number of successful prosecution cases, in the past 3 years. Please also advise on the operational expenses, manpower and full-year expenditure on salaries of the Hawker Control Teams in the past 3 years, as well as the estimated expenditure for 2019-20.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 408)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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Number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers

Calendar Year	Number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers	Number of convictions against unlicensed hawkers*
2016	15 310	14 372
2017	6 402	6 270
2018	5 564	4 859

* Prosecution instituted in a year may be convicted in the following year.

Manpower and expenditure in hawker control

Financial Year	Manpower	Total Expenditure# (\$ million)
2016-17	2 243	1,108.8
2017-18	2 264	1,074.2
2018-19	2 264	1,148.0 (revised estimate)
2019-20	2 264	1,153.1 (estimate)

Enforcement against unlicensed hawkers is only part of the duties of hawker control staff. Further breakdown of salary expenditure is not available.