

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)351

(Question Serial No. 6922)

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:

- (1) the number of joint departmental operations conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against illegal hawking, as well as the government departments involved, in each of the past 5 years; and
- (2) the criteria adopted by the Department in deciding whether the raids were conducted in the form of joint operation and what government departments were involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7705)

Reply:

Hawker management and enforcement duties are undertaken by the Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Other government departments, such as the Hong Kong Police Force and the Housing Department, may be invited to assist in some of the operations. Whether the raids are conducted in the form of joint operation and whether other departments are involved depend on circumstances specific to each operation, including whether there is real or potential threat to law and order, and whether the operation involves illegal hawkers operating inside public housing estates, etc.

The number of joint operations against illegal hawking in the past 5 years is provided as follows -

Calendar year	Number of inter-departmental operations
2014	1 830
2015	1 984
2016	2 009
2017	1 951
2018	2 198

- End -