

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

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Question:

In relation to the legislation against shop front extensions by a fixed penalty of \$1,500 that came into effect in September 2016, please advise this Committee on:

1. the number of fixed penalty notices and warnings issued against non-compliance cases since the implementation of the ordinance concerned; and
2. the manpower and expenditure involved in the enforcement actions.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 305)

Reply:

1. Since the commencement of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570) on 24 September 2016 until 31 December 2018, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) issued a total of 16 541 Fixed Penalty Notices against shop front extensions (SFEs). The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of warnings issued.
2. The fixed penalty system provides an additional tool for staff of the Department in tackling SFE problems. Any work involved would be taken as part of the Department's overall enforcement work in this respect and further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure is not available.

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