

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)444****(Question Serial No. 6060)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

- (1) Please set out the total number of unlicensed (non-cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past 3 years who were over 60 years of age.
- (2) Please set out the total number of unlicensed (cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past 3 years who were over 60 years of age.
- (3) Please set out the total number of unlicensed (non-cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past 3 years who were under 60 years of age.
- (4) Please set out the total number of unlicensed (cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past 3 years who were under 60 years of age.
- (5) Please set out the total number of unlicensed hawkers arrested in the past 5 years who were not Hong Kong Identity Card holders.
- (6) Will the Department respond to public opinion and re-issue itinerant hawker licences in the coming year? If yes, what is the implementation time? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 598)Reply:

- (1)-(4) The number of arrests taken against illegal cooked food and non-cooked food hawkers in the past 3 years is provided as follows -

Calendar year	Unlicensed cooked food hawkers	Unlicensed non-cooked food hawkers
2016	42	4 378
2017	47	1 719
2018	60	1 375

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep separate statistics on the age of unlicensed hawkers.

- (5) A total of 72 illegal hawkers, who were not Hong Kong Identity Card holders, were arrested in the past 5 years (2014 to 2018).
- (6) Itinerant hawkers usually gather at prime locations when in operation. They impede pedestrian and/or vehicular flow with their trolleys and goods and bring about environmental hygiene and general nuisance concerns. Hence, the Government maintains the existing policy of not issuing new itinerant hawker licences.

- End -