

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the enforcement against shop front extensions (SFE), please advise this Committee on:

- 1) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and the 18 districts in the territory;
- 2) the manpower and expenditure involved in the Department's actions against SFE in each of the past 3 years; and
- 3) given the implementation of the fixed penalty system, the number of fixed penalty notices issued in 2018-19, as well as the estimated manpower and expenditure for 2019-20.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 134)

Reply:

- 1) The number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against shop front extensions (SFEs) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and district is provided at Annex I.
- 2) Taking out enforcement action against SFEs is part of the duties of the Department's hawker control staff. Information on the manpower involved and expenditure incurred in hawker control in each of the past 3 years is provided at Annex II. Further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action in this aspect is not available.
- 3) In 2018, the Department issued a total of 7 586 Fixed Penalty Notices against SFEs.

The fixed penalty system provides an additional tool for tackling SFE problems. Any work involved would be taken as part of the Department's overall enforcement work in this respect and there is no specific estimated manpower and expenditure on this for 2019-20.

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**Number of Complaints Received and Prosecutions by the Department
on Shop Front Extensions (SFEs)**

District	Number of Complaints			Number of Prosecutions*		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Central & Western	756	931	636	670	280	166
Wan Chai	888	656	654	889	211	189
Eastern	1 399	1 146	1 103	721	387	215
Southern	299	317	252	431	190	42
Islands	129	110	92	36	60	30
Yau Tsim	809	770	399	184	140	83
Mong Kok	1 847	1 222	1 107	1 522	241	254
Sham Shui Po	2 910	2 892	2 034	1 813	456	311
Kowloon City	934	766	548	613	77	73
Wong Tai Sin	334	542	708	624	110	101
Kwun Tong	859	1 299	1 267	269	201	302
Kwai Tsing	489	343	306	359	270	138
Tsuen Wan	931	921	685	2 463	224	230
Tuen Mun	346	306	282	546	357	430
Yuen Long	1 483	1 806	856	1 946	712	570
North	554	359	356	233	37	67
Tai Po	585	1 092	707	280	61	117
Sha Tin	380	226	268	590	87	158
Sai Kung	232	217	198	118	103	101
Total	16 164	15 921	12 458	14 307	4 204	3 577

Note: * The Fixed Penalty System against SFEs was introduced on 24 September 2016. The figure does not include the Fixed Penalty Notices issued by the Department against SFEs.

**Manpower and expenditure
incurred in hawker control**

Financial year	Number of staff	Expenditure (\$ million)
2016-17	2 243	1,108.8
2017-18	2 264	1,074.2
2018-19 (Revised Estimate)	2 264	1,148.0