

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The work of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department involves “abating environmental nuisances relating to dripping air-conditioners”. Please advise this Committee on the following:

Regarding the enforcement of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance against dripping air-conditioners in 2019, please set out: (a) the number of verbal warnings or advisory letters issued; (b) the number of nuisance notices issued; (c) the number of prosecutions instituted; and (d) the number of successful prosecution cases.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The statistics on enforcement against dripping air-conditioners under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in 2019 are as follows:

	2019
No. of nuisance notices issued	4 664
No. of prosecutions instituted (Note 1)	91
No. of successful prosecution cases (Note 2)	85

Note 1: A nuisance notice will be issued when nuisance exists, requiring the nuisance be abated within a specified period. Prosecution will be instituted against non-compliant cases.

Note 2: Including certain cases against which prosecution was instituted before 2019.

The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of verbal warnings and advisory letters issued.

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