

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;
- 3) the number of fixed penalty notices issued in 2018-19, given the implementation of the fixed penalty system, and also the estimated manpower and expenditure for 2019-20; and
- 4) the initiatives of the Department in the coming 12 months to step up clamp down measures in areas within Wong Tai Sin District where the problem of SFE by individual shops is serious, including Yuk Wah Street and Sheung Fung Street in Tsz Wan Shan, and Ngau Chi Wan Village.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)

Reply:

- 1) The number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against shop front extensions (SFE) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in each of the past 3 calendar years, with a breakdown by year and district, is provided at Annex I.
- 2) Taking enforcement actions against SFE is one of the duties of the Department's hawker control staff. Information on the manpower and expenditure involved in hawker control in each of the past 3 calendar years is provided at Annex II. Further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure on enforcement actions in this respect is not available.

- 3) In 2019, the Department issued a total of 7 626 Fixed Penalty Notices against SFE. As an additional measure for tackling the problem of SFE, the fixed penalty system is part of the Department's overall enforcement work. There is no breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved for 2019-20.
- 4) The Department will take enforcement actions against SFE in the light of actual circumstances. For locations with serious problem of SFE in Wong Tai Sin District, the Department will keep the situation under review and take appropriate actions, including blitz operations and law enforcement, to maintain environmental hygiene.

**Number of Complaints Received and Prosecutions Instituted against SFE
by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

District	Number of complaints			Number of prosecutions*		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Central & Western	931	636	547	280	166	76
Wan Chai	656	654	978	211	189	162
Eastern	1 146	1 103	1 248	387	215	308
Southern	317	252	237	190	42	62
Islands	110	92	58	60	30	18
Yau Tsim	770	399	689	140	83	90
Mong Kok	1 222	1 107	1 878	241	254	205
Sham Shui Po	2 892	2 034	1 750	456	311	343
Kowloon City	766	548	722	77	73	76
Wong Tai Sin	542	708	810	110	101	111
Kwun Tong	1 299	1 267	1 286	201	302	230
Kwai Tsing	343	306	371	270	138	156
Tsuen Wan	921	685	640	224	230	198
Tuen Mun	306	282	412	357	430	296
Yuen Long	1 806	856	1 597	712	570	238
North	359	356	381	37	67	51
Tai Po	1 092	707	941	61	117	129
Sha Tin	226	268	228	87	158	149
Sai Kung	217	198	249	103	101	100
Total	15 921	12 458	15 022	4 204	3 577	2 998

Note: * The figure does not include the Fixed Penalty Notices issued by the Department against SFE.

**Manpower and Expenditure Involved
in Hawker Control**

Financial year	Number of staff	Expenditure (\$ million)
2017-18	2 264	1,074.2
2018-19	2 264	1,134.2
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2 253	1,159.6

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