

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)327****(Question Serial No. 4996)**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:

Please provide the number of cases where actions were taken against non-compliant tenants in public markets in the past 5 years. Since the new legislation against shop front extensions by a fixed penalty of \$1,500 came into effect in September 2016, how many fixed penalty notices and warnings have been issued against non-compliant cases?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 819)Reply:

The information sought on actions taken against non-compliant tenants in public markets is provided as follows:

Year	Number of prosecutions against public market tenants <sup>1</sup>	Number of convictions
2015	1 658	1 523
2016	2 065	1 911
2017	1 893	1 916
2018	1 697	1 637
2019	1 790	1 767

<sup>1</sup> Cases in which prosecution is instituted in a year may not result in conviction until the following year.

Between the commencement of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570) on 24 September 2016 and 31 December 2019, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department issued a total of 24 167 Fixed Penalty Notices against shop front extensions. The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of warnings issued.

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