

**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 Diane WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Traders occupying pedestrian passageways to sell vegetables in markets has been a problem in quite a number of districts. In this regard, has any special duties team been set up to deal with the problem? If yes, what are the manpower involved, expenditure incurred and number of prosecution instituted over the past 3 years? Up to the present, the problem of traders occupying passageways is still serious. Will there be any new measure to tackle it? What are the estimated manpower and expenditure required?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

Information on the manpower and expenditure involved in hawker control by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 3 years is provided at Annex I. The number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued and the number of enforcement actions taken against shop front extensions (SFE) by the Department in the same period are set out at Annex II. Taking enforcement actions against SFE is part of the daily duties of the hawker control staff of the Department. Further breakdown on the relevant expenditure is not available.

SFE is a street management problem which falls within the purview of a number of government departments. The core function of the Department is to maintain environmental hygiene. Hence, it accords priority to handling cases causing obstruction to scavenging operations or cases relating to illegal hawking or unauthorised extension of food premises, and takes enforcement actions against offenders in the light of the ground situation, which include issuing of summons, taking arrest actions and issuing FPNs of \$1,500.

**Manpower and expenditure involved in hawker control**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Staff establishment</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2018-19	2 264	1,134.2
2019-20	2 253	1,146.6
2020-21 (Revised Estimate)	2 224	1,166.0

**Number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued and number of enforcement actions taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Number of FPNs</b>	7 586	7 626	10 734
<b>Number of enforcement actions</b>	3 577	2 998	3 354

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