

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

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:

Please set out the number of complaints received as well as the number of arrests and prosecutions instituted in relation to licensed hawkers, unlicensed hawkers, market stalls and shops in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the 18 districts. Please provide the number of staff involved in taking out enforcement actions against hawkers, stalls and shops in the past 3 years.

Please set out the number of prosecutions instituted under the fixed penalty system last year, as well as the estimated manpower and expenditure involved this year.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 127)

Reply:

The number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against licensed hawkers, unlicensed hawkers, public market stalls and shop front extensions (SFE) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 3 years are provided at Annexes I to IV. Information on the manpower involved in hawker and public market management is provided at Annex V.

In 2020, the Department issued a total of 10 734 fixed penalty notices against SFE and 136 fixed penalty notices to smoking offenders in public markets. Since the enforcement work involved is part of the day-to-day duties of the Department's staff, there is no breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved for 2021-22.

**Number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against licensed hawkers  
by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

District	Number of complaints			Number of prosecutions		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Central & Western	77	69	54	242	222	124
Wan Chai	97	80	150	607	464	276
Eastern	99	95	112	340	225	215
Southern	7	1	6	5	2	2
Islands	1	1	1	2	2	0
Yau Tsim	31	27	10	474	730	267
Mong Kok	8	7	30	873	868	388
Sham Shui Po	267	251	295	420	509	237
Kowloon City	16	5	11	12	11	10
Wong Tai Sin	0	2	1	7	8	2
Kwun Tong	36	34	26	50	50	34
Kwai Tsing	9	7	4	20	13	16
Tsuen Wan	17	12	10	73	49	17
Tuen Mun	1	1	3	51	28	8
Yuen Long	4	1	2	313	227	212
North	1	2	2	135	132	159
Tai Po	0	2	0	7	3	2
Sha Tin	7	0	3	102	94	192
Sai Kung	1	1	0	0	0	0
Others*	6	10	3	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>3 733</b>	<b>3 637</b>	<b>2 161</b>

Note: \* No district is specified in these complaints.

**Number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against unlicensed hawkers by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

District	Number of complaints			Number of prosecutions		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Central & Western	329	350	221	247	85	81
Wan Chai	1 547	1 670	2 132	656	586	453
Eastern	740	734	835	741	871	1 146
Southern	81	35	74	202	177	147
Islands	117	108	88	48	31	72
Yau Tsim	384	155	108	206	107	91
Mong Kok	610	532	612	587	299	283
Sham Shui Po	2 392	2 848	2 645	559	492	626
Kowloon City	151	139	162	90	106	83
Wong Tai Sin	425	336	290	82	67	142
Kwun Tong	952	840	806	165	110	174
Kwai Tsing	146	118	119	164	119	83
Tsuen Wan	94	122	163	54	26	70
Tuen Mun	365	474	419	379	383	434
Yuen Long	399	559	668	762	511	528
North	564	535	439	332	276	351
Tai Po	257	224	210	140	104	83
Sha Tin	269	486	483	130	109	149
Sai Kung	82	60	201	20	16	39
Others*	127	107	114	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 031</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>10 789</b>	<b>5 564</b>	<b>4 475</b>	<b>5 035</b>

Note: \* No district is specified in these complaints.

**Number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against public market stalls by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

District	Number of complaints			Number of prosecutions		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Central & Western	150	135	165	55	62	51
Wan Chai	83	88	100	72	106	61
Eastern	232	319	290	225	181	153
Southern	120	87	148	75	109	99
Islands	34	31	45	8	7	4
Yau Tsim	52	42	38	35	56	35
Mong Kok	80	90	105	20	17	4
Sham Shui Po	246	203	263	160	183	122
Kowloon City	106	124	111	132	127	110
Wong Tai Sin	259	261	267	199	182	123
Kwun Tong	245	167	198	101	131	95
Kwai Tsing	87	69	136	97	89	57
Tsuen Wan	112	207	124	200	273	129
Tuen Mun	50	55	76	40	29	29
Yuen Long	129	119	154	85	61	57
North	219	168	291	63	73	61
Tai Po	94	92	92	78	65	74
Sha Tin	60	63	58	47	36	26
Sai Kung	22	29	19	5	3	2
Others*	21	22	46	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 401</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>2 726</b>	<b>1 697</b>	<b>1 790</b>	<b>1 292</b>

Note: \* No district is specified in these complaints.

**Number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted against SFE  
by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

District	Number of complaints			Number of prosecutions*		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Central & Western	636	547	648	166	76	45
Wan Chai	654	978	648	189	162	91
Eastern	1 103	1 248	1 674	215	308	332
Southern	252	237	460	42	62	82
Islands	92	58	90	30	18	32
Yau Tsim	399	689	663	83	90	95
Mong Kok	1 107	1 878	2 060	254	205	132
Sham Shui Po	2 034	1 750	2 519	311	343	916
Kowloon City	548	722	892	73	76	44
Wong Tai Sin	708	810	1 246	101	111	175
Kwun Tong	1 267	1 286	1 183	302	230	297
Kwai Tsing	306	371	616	138	156	63
Tsuen Wan	685	640	644	230	198	77
Tuen Mun	282	412	481	430	296	353
Yuen Long	856	1 597	2 772	570	238	366
North	356	381	633	67	51	44
Tai Po	707	941	1 033	117	129	97
Sha Tin	268	228	364	158	149	55
Sai Kung	198	249	278	101	100	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 458</b>	<b>15 022</b>	<b>18 904</b>	<b>3 577</b>	<b>2 998</b>	<b>3 354</b>

Note: \* The figure does not include the fixed penalty notices issued by the Department against SFE.

**Manpower involved in hawker and public market management**

	<b>Number of staff</b>	
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Hawker management</b>	<b>Public market management</b>
2018-19	2 264	416
2019-20	2 253	434
2020-21	2 224	447

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