

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

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:

As mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 under this Programme, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will “continue to enforce against shop front extensions”. Please advise this Committee of:

- a. the expenditure and manpower to be involved in enforcement actions against shop front extensions in the coming year; and
- b. the numbers of verbal warnings, fixed penalty notices and enforcement actions against shop front extensions in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 77)

Reply:

- a. The estimated establishment for hawker control in 2021-22 is 2 284 posts at an expenditure estimates of \$1.208 billion. Taking enforcement actions against shop front extensions (SFE) is part of the normal duties of hawker control staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Further breakdown of the expenditure on enforcement actions in this aspect is not available.
- b. The number of fixed penalty notices issued and the number of enforcement actions taken against SFE by the Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year, are set out at Annex. The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of verbal warnings issued.

**Enforcement actions taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
against shop front extensions**

	2018	2019	2020
Number of fixed penalty notices issued	7 586	7 626	10 734
Number of prosecutions instituted	3 577	2 998	3 354

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