

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The work of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department involves “abating environmental nuisances relating to dripping air-conditioners”. Regarding the enforcement of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance against dripping air-conditioners in 2020, please advise this Committee of:

(a) the number of verbal warnings and advisory letters issued; (b) the number of nuisance notices issued; (c) the number of prosecutions instituted; and (d) the number of successful prosecution cases.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

The statistics on enforcement taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against dripping air-conditioners under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in 2020 are as follows:

	2020
Number of nuisance notices issued	3 397
Number of prosecutions instituted (Note 1)	36
Number of successful prosecution cases (Note 2)	34

Note 1: The Department will issue a nuisance notice when nuisance exists, requiring the nuisance be abated by the concerned person within a specified period. Prosecution will be instituted against non-compliant cases.

Note 2: Including certain cases against which prosecution was instituted before 2020.

The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of verbal warnings and advisory letters issued.

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