

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:

With regard to hawker control, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the permanent/non-permanent establishment of the Hawker Control Teams of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, as well as the total expenditure on salary involved, with a breakdown by rank;
- (b) the number of patrols or raids proactively conducted by officers of the Hawker Control Teams other than handling complaints against illegal hawking in built-up areas in 2020;
- (c) the number of prosecutions instituted in relation to the control of hawking activities in the past 3 years, with a breakdown of the type of crime committed.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

- (a) The staff establishment of the Hawker Control Teams of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2020-21 is 2 224 and the expenditure on salary involved (revised estimate) is \$1.030 billion. The details are provided at Annex I. The Department does not keep a separate breakdown on the total expenditure on salary, with a breakdown by rank.
- (b) In 2020, the Hawker Control Teams conducted 119 854 raids in total.
- (c) Information on the number of prosecutions instituted by the Department in relation to the control of hawking activities in the past 3 years is provided at Annex II.

Staff establishment of hawker control officer grade

Rank	Staff establishment (as at 1 March 2021)
Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
Senior Hawker Control Officer	237
Hawker Control Officer	327
Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 590
Total	2 224

Enforcement actions taken to control hawking activities

Year	Unlicensed hawker		Licensed hawker	
	Crime related to the sale of restricted food items or cooked food without a licence	Crime related to other types of unlicensed hawking	Crime related to fixed pitches (cooked food or light refreshment)	Crime related to other fixed pitches and itinerant hawkers
2018	324	5 240	236	3 497
2019	204	4 271	144	3 493
2020	335	4 700	81	2 080

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