

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:

It is stated that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to enforce against shop front extensions during 2021-22. Please provide information on:

1. the measures included in the enforcement actions and the number of enforcement actions taken in each of the past 3 years (with a breakdown by action type in tabular form);
2. the procedures and time normally required for handling reports of shop front extensions;
3. the training and equipment provided for the enforcement officers; and
4. the staff establishment and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

1. The number of enforcement actions taken against shop front extensions (SFE) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year, is set out at Annex.
2. Upon receipt of complaints against SFE, the Department normally deploys staff to conduct site inspections as soon as possible and take appropriate actions having regard to actual circumstances. The Department does not keep information on the time normally required for handling complaints.
3. Hawker control staff of the Department, who are mainly responsible for handling SFE and taking enforcement actions, are required to attend induction and in-service training courses on enforcement legislation, which cover enforcement procedures against SFE. They are also provided with suitable ancillary equipment (including communication devices) for work.

4. In 2021-22, the estimated establishment for hawker control is 2 284 posts at an estimated expenditure of \$1.208 billion. Taking enforcement actions against SFE is one of the normal duties of hawker control staff of the Department. Further breakdown of the relevant expenditure is not available.

**Enforcement actions taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
against shop front extensions from 2018 to 2020**

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

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