

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Government has stated in a meeting of the Legislative Council that vigorous enforcement actions would be taken against shop front extension (SFE). To understand the progress of the work, please advise this Committee of:

1. the blackspots of SFE in all districts across the territory in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council district;
2. the numbers of complaints against SFE received, prosecutions instituted and fixed penalty notices issued in all districts across the territory in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council district;
3. the staff establishment of the Hawker Control Officer grade for taking enforcement actions against SFE in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council district; and
4. the number of joint operations mounted in collaboration with the Hong Kong Police Force in all districts across the territory since September 2021, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

1. The Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots was launched in August 2022. At present, there are over 700 hygiene blackspots across the territory, 51 of which involve shop front extension (SFE) or obstruction of streets. A breakdown of the information by District Council district is provided at Annex I.
2. The numbers of complaints against SFE received, prosecutions instituted and fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by year and District Council district, are provided at Annex II.

3. Institution of enforcement actions against SFE is part of the duties of the Hawker Control Officers of FEHD. The staff establishment of the Hawker Control Officer grade in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by year and District Council district, is provided at Annex III.
4. Since September 2021, FEHD has launched a new mode of joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) on a trial basis in 3 districts, namely Kwun Tong, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan, under which obstructive items illegally placed on the streets would be removed and seized. Such joint enforcement mode has successively been adopted in all districts across the territory since October 2022. The number of joint operations mounted by FEHD and the Police since September 2021, with a breakdown by year and District Council district, is provided at Annex IV.

**Blackspots involving SFE and obstruction of streets under the Government  
Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of blackspots</b>
Central & Western	2
Wan Chai	2
Eastern	2
Southern	2
Islands	-
Yau Tsim Mong	5
Sham Shui Po	4
Kowloon City	1
Wong Tai Sin	4
Kwun Tong	2
Kwai Tsing	1
Tsuen Wan	3
Tuen Mun	10
Yuen Long	5
North	2
Tai Po	2
Sha Tin	2
Sai Kung	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>

**Numbers of complaints against SFE received,  
prosecutions instituted and FPNs issued**

**Table 1: Number of complaints**

District	Number of complaints				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Central & Western	547	648	836	1 879	1 159
Wan Chai	978	648	731	677	463
Eastern	1 248	1 674	2 582	2 232	1 216
Southern	237	460	638	571	289
Islands	58	90	122	203	219
Yau Tsim Mong	2 567	2 723	3 000	2 819	3 210
Sham Shui Po	1 750	2 519	3 390	2 633	2 118
Kowloon City	722	892	1 491	1 515	633
Wong Tai Sin	810	1 246	1 394	1 325	703
Kwun Tong	1 286	1 183	851	705	902
Kwai Tsing	371	616	781	1 038	635
Tsuen Wan	640	644	1 174	903	738
Tuen Mun	412	481	363	707	466
Yuen Long	1 597	2 772	3 577	4 202	3 753
North	381	633	674	587	231
Tai Po	941	1 033	1 159	1 096	1 161
Sha Tin	228	364	389	477	366
Sai Kung	249	278	358	632	387
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 022</b>	<b>18 904</b>	<b>23 510</b>	<b>24 201</b>	<b>18 649</b>

**Table 2: Number of prosecutions**

District	Number of prosecutions <sup>Note</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Central & Western	76	45	80	39	26
Wan Chai	162	91	113	80	50
Eastern	308	332	441	250	125
Southern	62	82	93	73	3
Islands	18	32	26	26	35
Yau Tsim Mong	295	227	383	388	460
Sham Shui Po	343	916	605	330	263
Kowloon City	76	44	97	84	67
Wong Tai Sin	111	175	226	187	117
Kwun Tong	230	297	266	610	172
Kwai Tsing	156	63	39	100	120
Tsuen Wan	198	77	194	211	330
Tuen Mun	296	353	338	659	190
Yuen Long	238	366	426	2 225	753
North	51	44	45	49	71
Tai Po	129	97	169	203	95
Sha Tin	149	55	53	89	78
Sai Kung	100	58	111	197	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 998</b>	<b>3 354</b>	<b>3 705</b>	<b>5 800</b>	<b>3 070</b>

Note: The number of prosecutions instituted under the relevant provisions of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228), the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X), including cases with summonses issued and arrests made against SFE but excluding those with FPNs issued.

**Table 3: Number of FPNs**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of FPNs</b>				
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Central & Western	221	200	157	185	219
Wan Chai	425	360	370	615	109
Eastern	291	587	941	775	192
Southern	80	136	252	358	63
Islands	4	2	3	0	1
Yau Tsim Mong	1 007	1 530	2 102	2 491	1 626
Sham Shui Po	946	1 636	1 600	1 893	1 003
Kowloon City	278	377	463	586	447
Wong Tai Sin	295	341	691	674	186
Kwun Tong	404	796	1 262	1 197	607
Kwai Tsing	304	562	853	905	358
Tsuen Wan	664	624	919	1 360	706
Tuen Mun	202	500	821	888	600
Yuen Long	1 764	1 889	2 565	2 201	1 173
North	254	277	191	282	120
Tai Po	391	730	1 380	963	141
Sha Tin	70	137	115	229	113
Sai Kung	26	50	81	186	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 626</b>	<b>10 734</b>	<b>14 766</b>	<b>15 788</b>	<b>7 713</b>

## Staff establishment of the Hawker Control Officer grade

District	Staff establishment of the Hawker Control Officer grade				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Central & Western	140	140	140	140	168
Wan Chai	121	120	120	125	127
Eastern	144	144	144	178	183
Southern	57	53	53	55	56
Islands	62	62	62	62	77
Yau Tsim Mong	287	278	277	276	301
Sham Shui Po	141	135	135	156	159
Kowloon City	105	104	126	126	126
Wong Tai Sin	78	76	76	88	90
Kwun Tong	94	89	111	109	107
Kwai Tsing	73	73	73	77	77
Tsuen Wan	76	76	98	95	91
Tuen Mun	75	73	73	76	76
Yuen Long	104	102	102	123	125
North	69	69	69	69	83
Tai Po	67	67	67	78	80
Sha Tin	86	86	86	91	91
Sai Kung	73	73	73	73	76
Other groups	401	404	404	294	198
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 253</b>	<b>2 224</b>	<b>2 289</b>	<b>2 291</b>	<b>2 291</b>

## Number of joint operations mounted by FEHD and the Police under the new mode

District	2021 <sup>Note</sup>	2022	2023
Central & Western	-	21	141
Wan Chai	-	17	59
Eastern	-	52	92
Southern	-	23	100
Islands	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-	21	116
Sham Shui Po	-	65	119
Kowloon City	31	105	120
Wong Tai Sin	-	11	47
Kwun Tong	23	96	124
Kwai Tsing	-	26	91
Tsuen Wan	20	80	96
Tuen Mun	-	18	78
Yuen Long	-	42	58
North	-	10	48
Tai Po	-	22	88
Sha Tin	-	31	152
Sai Kung	-	22	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>1 612</b>

Note: The trial scheme on joint operations has been launched in 3 districts (Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Tsuen Wan) since late September 2021.

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