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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question :

The actual number of raids conducted by Hawker Control Teams in 2008 was 115 271. Please advise on the details of the operations, the number of summonses issued and prosecutions initiated, as well as the amount of fines imposed and the goods forfeited. In terms of the number of raids, please list the top 5 districts and their respective figures.

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The Hawker Control Teams (HCT) conduct operations to control illegal hawking activities, maintain the operation of hawker permitted areas in an orderly manner, respond to complaints regarding illegal hawking and shop extensions and help address street management problems by taking part in joint operations with other government departments. Arising from HCT operations undertaken in 2008, 34 339 prosecutions by way of summons and arrest actions were taken out. The level of fine imposed by the court ranged from \$30 to \$2,000. Goods and hawking paraphernalia were forfeited in 10 000 arrest cases.

The five districts with the highest number of HCT operations are Yuen Long (11 853), Tuen Mun (9 959), Tai Po (9 630), North (8 470) and Kwai Tsing (7 794).

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Date _____ 23.3.2009 _____