

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**EEB(F)117****(Question Serial No. 3199)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Donald NG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and EcologyQuestion:

It is stated in Programme (3) that the work of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department involves continuing to enforce against shop front extension (SFE) under the steer of the Task Force on District Governance. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the staff establishments of the Hawkers Sections and Cleansing Sub-sections of the Department and the estimated expenditures involved;
- (b) the number of prosecutions, the rate of successful conviction and the amount of penalty in respect of SFE in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the 18 districts; and
- (c) the number of complaints against SFE received by the Department in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)Reply:

- (a) The staff establishments and estimated expenditures of the Hawkers Sections and Cleansing Sub-sections of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the 2025-26 financial year are as follows:

Hawkers Sections		Cleansing Sub-sections	
Staff establishment Note 1	Estimated expenditure (\$ billion)	Staff establishment Note 2	Estimated expenditure (\$ billion)
2 593	1.411	3 119	5.165

Note 1: Including members from the Health Inspector and Hawker Control Officer grades as well as Workmen I and II

Note 2: Including members from the Health Inspector, Foreman and Ganger grades as well as Workmen I and II

- (b) The information on the number of prosecutions against shop front extension (SFE) in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and district, is provided at Annex I. The Department does not maintain a breakdown of the rate of successful conviction and the amount of penalty by district.
- (c) The information on the number of complaints against SFE received by the Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and district, is provided at Annex II.

Number of prosecutions against SFE

District	Number of prosecutions ^{Note}		
	2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	39	26	55
Wan Chai	80	50	53
Eastern	250	125	41
Southern	73	3	7
Islands	26	35	42
Yau Tsim Mong	388	460	197
Sham Shui Po	330	263	189
Kowloon City	84	67	38
Wong Tai Sin	187	117	59
Kwun Tong	610	172	39
Kwai Tsing	100	120	57
Tsuen Wan	211	330	22
Tuen Mun	659	190	92
Yuen Long	2 225	753	206
North	49	71	41
Tai Po	203	95	32
Sha Tin	89	78	70
Sai Kung	197	115	32
Total	5 800	3 070	1 272

Note: The number of prosecutions included cases with summonses issued and arrests made against SFE 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), but excluded those with fixed penalty notices issued.

Number of complaints against SFE received

District	Number of complaints		
	2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	1 879	1 159	731
Wan Chai	677	463	512
Eastern	2 232	1 216	1 237
Southern	571	289	170
Islands	203	219	198
Yau Tsim Mong	2 819	3 210	2 379
Sham Shui Po	2 633	2 118	1 426
Kowloon City	1 515	633	508
Wong Tai Sin	1 325	703	333
Kwun Tong	705	902	1 015
Kwai Tsing	1 038	635	380
Tsuen Wan	903	738	523
Tuen Mun	707	466	768
Yuen Long	4 202	3 753	1 407
North	587	231	156
Tai Po	1 096	1 161	620
Sha Tin	477	366	420
Sai Kung	632	387	188
Total	24 201	18 649	12 971

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