

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding illegal shop front extension (SFE) and obstruction problems, please advise this Committee of:

1. the staff establishments of the Hawkers Sections and the Cleansing Sub-sections of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in each of the past 3 years; and
2. the numbers of complaints against SFE received, fixed penalty notices issued, prosecutions initiated (including those with summonses served and arrests instituted), and seizures of goods or articles made by the Department in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon YANG Wing-kit (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

1. Information on the overall staff establishment of the Hawkers Sections and the Cleansing Sub-sections of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 3 years is provided in Annex I.
2. The numbers of complaints against shop front extension (SFE) received, fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued, prosecutions initiated (including those with summonses served and arrests instituted), and seizures of goods or articles made by the Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year and District Council district, are provided in Annex II.

**Overall staff establishment of the Hawkers Sections and Cleansing Sub-sections**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Staff establishment of Hawkers Sections</b> <sup>Note 1</sup>	<b>Staff establishment of Cleansing Sub-sections</b> <sup>Note 2</sup>
2023-24	2 572	3 165
2024-25	2 593	3 119
2025-26	2 598	3 089

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

**Numbers of complaints against SFE received,  
FPNs issued, prosecutions initiated, and seizures of goods or articles**

**Table 1: Number of complaints**

District	No. of complaints		
	2023	2024	2025
Central & Western	1 159	731	602
Wan Chai	463	512	744
Eastern	1 216	1 237	797
Southern	289	170	114
Islands	219	198	178
Yau Tsim Mong	3 210	2 379	2 541
Sham Shui Po	2 118	1 426	1 530
Kowloon City	633	508	491
Wong Tai Sin	703	333	306
Kwun Tong	902	1 015	1 163
Kwai Tsing	635	380	394
Tsuen Wan	738	523	296
Tuen Mun	466	768	1 037
Yuen Long	3 753	1 407	1 135
North	231	156	131
Tai Po	1 161	620	442
Sha Tin	366	420	417
Sai Kung	387	188	134
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 649</b>	<b>12 971</b>	<b>12 452</b>

**Table 2: Number of FPNs issued**

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of FPNs issued</b>		
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Central & Western	219	92	100
Wan Chai	109	33	45
Eastern	192	40	45
Southern	63	2	0
Islands	1	0	1
Yau Tsim Mong	1 626	216	246
Sham Shui Po	1 003	133	185
Kowloon City	447	152	108
Wong Tai Sin	186	51	66
Kwun Tong	607	76	72
Kwai Tsing	358	55	35
Tsuen Wan	706	132	93
Tuen Mun	600	33	29
Yuen Long	1 173	181	155
North	120	12	22
Tai Po	141	26	51
Sha Tin	113	35	67
Sai Kung	49	21	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 713</b>	<b>1 290</b>	<b>1 355</b>

**Table 3: Number of prosecutions initiated  
(Including the breakdown figures of summonses served and arrests instituted)**

District	2023			2024			2025		
	No. of summonses	No. of arrests	Total no. of prosecutions	No. of summonses	No. of arrests	Total no. of prosecutions	No. of summonses	No. of arrests	Total no. of prosecutions
Central & Western	26	0	26	55	0	55	51	0	51
Wan Chai	50	0	50	51	2	53	52	4	56
Eastern	125	0	125	39	2	41	24	0	24
Southern	3	0	3	6	1	7	2	1	3
Islands	35	0	35	42	0	42	21	0	21
Yau Tsim Mong	460	0	460	183	14	197	89	2	91
Sham Shui Po	251	12	263	189	0	189	94	0	94
Kowloon City	65	2	67	38	0	38	29	1	30
Wong Tai Sin	117	0	117	59	0	59	47	0	47
Kwun Tong	74	98	172	25	14	39	32	2	34
Kwai Tsing	120	0	120	57	0	57	40	0	40
Tsuen Wan	326	4	330	21	1	22	3	1	4
Tuen Mun	190	0	190	88	4	92	26	0	26
Yuen Long	203	550	753	134	72	206	38	23	61
North	71	0	71	41	0	41	18	0	18
Tai Po	85	10	95	30	2	32	2	0	2
Sha Tin	72	6	78	70	0	70	13	1	14
Sai Kung	105	10	115	32	0	32	24	1	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 378</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>3 070</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1 272</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>641</b>

**Table 4: Number of seizures of goods or articles**

District	No. of seizures of goods or articles <sup>Note</sup>		
	2023	2024	2025
Central & Western	0	0	1
Wan Chai	0	2	7
Eastern	0	0	0
Southern	0	0	0
Islands	0	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	3
Sham Shui Po	0	0	2
Kowloon City	2	0	5
Wong Tai Sin	0	2	23
Kwun Tong	49	7	2
Kwai Tsing	8	2	2
Tsuen Wan	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	4	0
Yuen Long	496	57	14
North	0	0	0
Tai Po	84	113	52
Sha Tin	86	77	69
Sai Kung	7	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>180</b>

Note: Including goods or articles seized as a result of arrests instituted and goods or articles that had been abandoned.

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