

**Statistics on Legal Action against
Beneficiaries of Commercial Publicity
(from 1.1.2002 to 31.12.2005)**

The statistics on legal action taken against beneficiaries of illegal posting activities of commercial publicity materials¹ by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department during 2002 to 2005 are set out below:-

(A) Prosecution Figures (i.e. initiated prosecution in that particular year)

Year	Number
2002	100
2003	72
2004	23
2005	12
Total	207

(B) Conviction Figures

Year	Number
2002	59
2003	72
2004	30
2005	16
Total	177

Remarks:

- The above figures cover the beneficiaries (including companies) of hiring workers to carry out illegal posting of commercial publicity material activities.
- The 177 successful prosecutions are not necessarily among the 207 prosecution cases as some of the successful cases might have their prosecution initiated before 2002.
- The number of prosecution cases does not include those the Government considers without sufficient evidence and have not been taken to Court in the first place.

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¹ Including bills/posters, placards and banners.