

For Information

LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Fixed Penalty System for Public Cleanliness Offences

Purpose

At the Panel Meeting on 10 November 2009, Members asked the Administration to provide information on the number of fixed penalty notices issued to public cleanliness offenders and the number of repeat offenders in the past three years. This paper sets out the relevant information for Members' reference.

Fixed penalty notices issued in the past three years

2. The Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) Ordinance (Cap. 570) empowers public officers to issue a fixed penalty notice to offenders who have committed any one of the four cleanliness offences, namely littering, spitting, dog fouling and illegal display of bills and posters in contravention of the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisance Regulation (Cap. 132BK). The fine level of the fixed penalty notice is \$1, 500. The numbers of fixed penalty notices issued against the four public cleanliness offences in the past three years are as follows —

Year	Types of offence				Total
	Littering	Spitting	Dog Fouling	Illegal display of Bills & Posters	
2007	25 228	3 447	34	321	29 030
2008	30 299	3 511	32	326	34 168
2009	31 588	3 565	41	447	35 641

3. The numbers of offenders who have had committed the same cleanliness offence for two or more times between 1 December 2007 and 30 November 2009 are as follows —

Type of Offence							
Littering		Spitting		Dog Fouling		Illegal Bills & Posters	
2 times	3 times or more	2 times	3 times or more	2 times	3 times or more	2 times	3 times or more
1680	77	56	2	0	0	54	37

Advice Sought

4. Members are requested to note the above information.

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