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Dear Miss Yu,

Finance Committee Meeting on 27 February 2004
Follow-up Actions by the Administration

Thank you for your letter of 27 February 2004. The requisite information in respect of the penalties for the 296 prosecutions instituted under section 13(1) of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132 sub leg) against scullery or food preparation in yard/alley or on pavement in 2003 is provided below.

Under the Food Business Regulation, any person who uses any yard, alley or street for the preparation or storage of open food or for the washing or cleansing of utensil used in the preparation or service of food commits an offence. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 3 months plus a daily fine of \$300 where the offence is a continuing one. As regards the 296 relevant prosecutions instituted in 2003, the fine imposed by the Court ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 and the average fine was \$1,733.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Shirley Kwan)

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