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Dear Ms Leung,

Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Follow-up to Meeting on 12 May 2015

Hawker Management and Law Enforcement

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 12 May 2015, Members requested the Government to provide information on the number of complaints received against Hawker Control Team (HCT) members in carrying out enforcement operations, and the number of violation of operational guidelines by HCT members in discharging their duties. Having consulted the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), I write to set out our reply as follows.

(Translation)

To ensure that hawker management operations are effectively carried out, FEHD has promulgated operational guidelines covering issues such as safety consideration during hawker raiding operations, arrest and prosecution procedures. Among others, there is a system for monitoring the day-to-day work of HCTs. Under the system, management staff at different levels will carry out regular inspections of the performance of HCT members in discharging their duties and keep proper records to ensure that staff members comply with the operational guidelines. If violation is found, the case will be handled in accordance with established disciplinary procedures.

From 2010 to 2014, the numbers of complaints received by FEHD each year concerning HCT members were 445, 606, 502, 634 and 450 respectively. As to whether the complaints were related to enforcement operations or whether violation of operational guidelines was involved, FEHD does not have the respective breakdowns.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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