

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Improvement of  
Environmental Hygiene and Cityscape**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion  
at the meeting on 9 February 2021**

The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the following issues raised by members:

- (a) concerning cases of (i) unauthorized hawking and illegal extension of business by shops causing street obstruction; (ii) unauthorized display or affixation of bills or posters; and (iii) graffiti in public places, the maximum penalties (imprisonment or fine) meted out by the court for convicted offences over the past two years;
- (b) details of enforcement actions and inter-departmental joint operations conducted against shop front extensions ("SFEs") in each of the past three years, including (i) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, with a breakdown by nature of business of the shops involved and their geographic distribution (across the 18 districts); and (ii) the number of joint operations conducted and the government departments/law enforcement agencies involved, as well as the geographical distribution of such operations; and
- (c) as some members held the view that issuing fixed penalty notices ("FPNs") to offenders committing illegal SFEs could not achieve adequate deterrent effect, in particular on repeated offenders who regarded the court/FPN fine as part of the operating cost, whether the Administration had any plans to review the existing policies/measures (e.g. increasing the maximum penalties for the offences or amending relevant legislation) in order to tackle the problem of illegal SFEs/street obstruction at root.