

# LCQ13: Enforcement of anti-epidemic regulations

Following is a question by Dr the Hon Pierre Chan and a written reply by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, in the Legislative Council today (October 20):

Question:

Regarding the enforcement of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G) and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation (Cap. 599I), will the Government inform this Council:

(1) of the respective numbers of cases, since the commencement of Cap. 599F on March 28, 2020, in which law enforcement officers (i) issued fixed penalty notices (FPNs) to and (ii) instituted prosecutions against (a) those persons responsible for carrying on catering businesses/managers of scheduled premises, and (b) those persons present at catering business premises/scheduled premises, who had contravened the Regulation, with a breakdown by type of premises and month;

(2) of the respective numbers of cases, since the commencement of Cap. 599G on March 29, 2020, in which law enforcement officers (i) issued FPNs to and (ii) instituted prosecutions against those persons who had contravened the Regulation, with a breakdown by month; and

(3) of the respective numbers of cases, since the commencement of Cap. 599I on July 15, 2020, in which law enforcement officers (i) issued FPNs to and (ii) instituted prosecutions against those persons who had contravened the Regulation, with a breakdown by month?

Reply:

President,

For the various parts of the question raised by Dr the Hon Pierre Chan, the monthly enforcement statistics of fixed penalty tickets issued and prosecutions instituted by the respective enforcement departments from the effective date of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap.599F), the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap.599G) and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation (Cap.599I) are set out at Annex 1, Annex 2 and Annex 3 respectively. The enforcement statistics are based on the preliminary information provided by the enforcement departments as of the cut-off date and time. The enforcement figures and details are subject to finalisation by the relevant enforcement departments.