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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question in relation to Reply Serial No. THB(H)027.

In respect of the 4 prosecution cases which resulted in a conviction, please advise on the amount of fines imposed.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden

Reply:

Since the commencement of the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (the Ordinance), 4 cases, including 1 complaint case and 3 self-initiated investigation cases, which involved 77 counts of offence, have been prosecuted and convicted for contraventions of the Ordinance. The charges were mainly about contraventions of the provisions of the Ordinance in respect of sales brochures, price lists, advertisements, the mandatory provisions for preliminary agreement for sale and purchase and agreement for sale and purchase, etc. The vendors of the developments concerned were convicted and fined a total of \$1.868 million. Details of the offences involved in the convicted cases have been uploaded to the website of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority for public perusal.