Relevant figures in respect of prosecution against employers, contractors and proprietors, etc. under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance, the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance and their subsidiary regulations since 2012

	2012	2013	2014 (Jan – Aug)
Total no. of summonses heard	2 171	2 439	1 463

Average fines and highest fines for common offences

Failure to provide and maintain safe plant and system of work (Maximum statutory fine: \$500,000 and imprisonment for 6 months)	2012	2013	2014 (Jan – Aug)
Average fine	\$13,822	\$15,281	\$21,903
Highest fine	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$120,000
Failure to provide information, instruction, training and supervision (Maximum statutory fine: \$500,000 and imprisonment for 6 months)	2012	2013	2014 (Jan – Aug)
Average fine	\$11,343	\$12,022	\$18,429
Highest fine	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$80,000
Failure to take adequate steps to prevent person from falling from a height (Maximum statutory fine: \$200,000 and imprisonment for 12 months)	2012	2013	2014 (Jan – Aug)
Average fine	\$14,173	\$15,555	\$15,803

Highest fine	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$90,000
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(Note: In general, cases of contravention of occupational safety and health legislation would involve more than one offence. For example, arising from an industrial fatal case, a contractor was fined \$200,000 in total in January, 2014 for violation of two offences under the Factories and Industrial Undertaking Ordinance.)