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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

Are there any effective measures to eradicate the hawker blackspots?

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

Hawker Control Team (HCT) staff adopt the operational strategies of mobile patrol and/or raiding to deter unlicensed hawking. In mobile patrol, the HCT deploy the tactics of constantly disrupting the target hawkers from trading at their favourite spots and to prevent the hawkers from taking root. If the hawkers persist in trading and do not disperse, arrest action would follow.

HCT staff also mount raiding operations at target blackspots to arrest hawkers and seize their goods and equipment to increase the deterrent effect.

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Date _____ 15.3.2007 _____