

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**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 :

In 2007, the estimated number of licensed hawkers, including fixed pitch hawkers and itinerant hawkers, is 7200, representing a decrease of 284 hawkers over the actual figure in 2006. What measures will be taken to reduce the number of licensed hawkers?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The number of licensed fixed-pitch hawkers and itinerant hawkers is estimated to continue to decrease as a result of voluntary non-renewal of the fixed-pitch hawker licence by the licensees themselves and voluntary surrender of itinerant hawker licence for ex-gratia payment.

Signature _____

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Date _____ **15.3.2007** _____