

**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 Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the review of hawker licence policy, please advise on:

- a) the details (including the progress, timeframe and anticipated completion date), expenditure and manpower involved; and
- b) whether consideration will be given to adjust the positioning of hawker policy so as to affirm that permitting hawking is a solution to help the grass roots achieve self-reliance and alleviate poverty. If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The review will address various issues of hawker licensing, including the transfer and succession arrangements of hawker licences and the efficient use of vacant fixed hawker pitches. The review is undertaken by existing resources and no additional expenditure will be incurred. We expect to complete the review in about one year's time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of  
Food and Environmental Hygiene

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 25.3.2008

