

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

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Question:

The number of licensed itinerant hawkers will increase from 535 in 2009 to 560 in 2010. Please set out in tabular form the respective number of Itinerant Hawker Licences for selling wet and dry goods, Itinerant (Mobile Van) Hawker Licences and Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences involved. On what basis is the increase worked out? Please also advise on the number of Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences surrendered by new licensees since the re-issuance of the licence.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The types and number of Itinerant Hawker Licences (IHLs) as at 31 December 2009 are set out as follows -

Type of IHLs	Number of IHLs
Frozen Confectionery	51
Mobile Van	16
Newspaper	3
Other Classes	465
Total	535

The estimated increase in the number of IHLs from 535 in 2009 to 560 in 2010 takes into account the re-issuance of Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences and the projected decrease due to natural attrition and surrender of existing licences under the Voluntary Surrender Scheme.

No Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licence has been surrendered by new licensees since the re-issuance of the licences in mid 2009.

Signature _____

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