

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

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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11, the Department will follow up on the outcome of the review of hawker licence policy. Please inform this Committee:

- (a) whether the Department will increase the number of Itinerant Hawker Licences to be issued; and
- (b) whether the additional number of licences to be issued is reflected in the estimated indicator for this year. If yes, is the number rather small? If not, please advise on the progress on and plan for increasing the number of Itinerant Hawker Licences to be issued.

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The review recommended issuing 61 Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences to interested persons.
- (b) Under Indicators, the number of Itinerant Hawker Licences is estimated to increase from 535 in 2009 to 560 in 2010. The estimation takes into account the increase in new IHLs due to 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. Hitherto 25 new Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences have been issued. We estimate that the remaining 36 licences will be issued in 2010-2011.

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