

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

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Question:

According to the information of the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, the Government plans to put up nearly 500 existing vacant fixed pitches for auction. However, the Estimates show that the number of fixed pitch hawkers will increase by 147 to 6 660 in 2010. Will all the 500 vacant pitches be put up for auction in 2010 or in phases over a few years?

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

After consultation with the relevant District Councils, 218 vacant on-street fixed hawker pitches are now available for application by eligible registered assistants of licensed hawkers and members of the public for issuance of new Fixed Pitch Hawker Licences. The remaining 240 vacant pitches were either rejected or are pending further discussion by the District Councils concerned.

The estimated increase in the number of fixed pitch hawkers takes into account the issuance of new Fixed Pitch Hawker Licences as well as the projected decrease due to natural attrition.

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