

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

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Question:

- (a) What is the basis for working out the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers?
- (b) It is estimated that the number of unlicensed hawkers will drop by 40 in 2010. What are the reasons for the decrease?
- (c) As regards hawker blackspots, the number of blackspots remains at 45 for a long time. Does it mean that these blackspots cannot be cleared?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The estimate was made on the basis of past trends deduced from the quarterly surveys conducted to gauge the number of unlicensed hawkers.
- (c) To contain hawker related problems, the Department's Hawker Control Teams conduct blitz operations against illegal hawking activities at hawker blackspots. Whether a certain location is classified as a hawker blackspot depends on the number of unlicensed hawkers assembling there at any one time of the day during the survey. Hawker control staff will continue to strategise enforcement actions based on the situation on the ground and in accordance with the established enforcement guidelines.

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