

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department 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 stalls in public markets (excluding cooked food markets) under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please provide data on the following as at 31 December 2009 and 31 December 2010:

1. number of stalls let out;
2. number of vacant stalls;
3. total number of stalls;
4. vacancy rate;
5. highest stall rental;
6. lowest stall rental;
7. average stall rental; and
8. median rent.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The data sought are as follows -

	<u>As at 31 December 2009</u>	<u>As at 31 December 2010</u>
1. Number of stalls let out :	11 693	11 821
2. Number of vacant stalls :	2 582	2 274
	(including 814 stalls frozen)#	(including 1 062 stalls frozen)#
3. Total number of stalls :	14 275	14 095
4. Vacancy rate :	18.09%	16.13%
5. Highest stall rental :	\$64,295	\$65,350
6. Lowest stall rental :	\$10.34	\$10.34
7. Average stall rental :	\$2,561.53	\$2,819.28
8. Median rent :	\$1,728	\$1,810

In those markets which will be closed shortly, and those which will undergo stall consolidation or improvement works, vacant stalls are frozen for letting out.

Signature _____

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