

**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:

The number of licensed itinerant hawkers decreased from 535 in 2009 to 522 in 2010 and will further decrease to 520 in 2011. What are the reasons for the decrease? Please advise on the number of Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences involved, the number of licensed itinerant hawkers reduced due to natural attrition, and the number of newly-issued licences involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The change in the number of Itinerant Hawker Licences (IHLs) from 535 in 2009 to 522 in 2010 is attributed to natural attrition and IHLs surrendered under the Voluntary Surrender Scheme. The estimate of 520 in 2011 takes into account the same factors, offset by increase due to re-issuance of Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences (IHLs(FC)).

The statistical information sought is provided below:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u> (<u>projected</u>)
Number of IHLs(FC) reduced due to natural attrition :	1	4	4
Number of newly-issued IHLs(FC) in the year :	24	24	13
Total number of IHLs(FC) as at the year end :	51	71	80

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