

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental
Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) It is stated that the work of the Department involves managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars as well as taking enforcement actions. Please advise on the details of the above various areas of work and their respective estimated expenditure.
- (b) Regarding the bootblack hawkers in Central, has the Department continued to follow up on their cases after granting licences to them? If yes, please provide the details. If not, please give the reasons.
- (c) The bootblack hawkers in Central are often required to move their pitches to facilitate the construction works at nearby buildings. Has the Department provided assistance to them in this respect? If yes, please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:-

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's (FEHD) hawker control staff regularly inspect and patrol licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars to ensure that they are operating in an orderly manner. The work also involves handling public complaints and enforcement against obstruction and illegal hawking. Since such work is part of FEHD's overall control of hawking and related activities, the breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available.
- (b) Since fixed pitch hawker licences were issued to eight bootblack hawkers in Central in December 2009, we have conducted regular inspections of the licensed hawker pitches to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation and licensing conditions by the licensees.
- (c) To facilitate the Drainage Services Department in carrying out underground drainage works, four licensed bootblack hawkers at Theatre Lane in Central are being temporarily relocated to other suitable locations in the same street. The FEHD will arrange for these hawkers to return to their original trading locations after completion of the drainage works.

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