Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 49 Food and Environmental <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title): Hygiene Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: 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 2010 and 31 December 2011:

- (a) number of stalls let out;
- (b) number of vacant stalls;
- (c) total number of stalls;
- (d) vacancy rate;
- (e) highest stall rental;
- (f) lowest stall rental;
- (g) average stall rental; and
- (h) median rent.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The data sought are as follows -

| | e | Position as at | |
|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | 31.12.2010 | 31.12.2011 |
| 1. | Number of stalls let out | 11 821 | 12 212 |
| 2. | Number of vacant stalls | 2 274 (including | 1 754 (including |
| | | 1 062 stalls frozen)# | 871 stalls frozen)# |
| 3. | Total number of stalls | 14 095 | 13 966 |
| 4. | Vacancy rate | 16.13% | 12.56% |
| 5. | Highest monthly stall rental | \$65,350 | \$65,350 |
| 6. | Lowest monthly stall rental | \$10.34 | \$10.34 |
| 7. | Average monthly stall rental | \$2,819.28 | \$2,791.86 |
| 8. | Median monthly rent | \$1,810 | \$1,800 |

In those markets which will be closed shortly, and those which will undergo stall consolidation or improvement works, vacant stalls are frozen so that they would not be let out.

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Director of Post Title Food and Environmental Hygiene

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