

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question (Member Question No. 11):

Regarding the indicators for various types of hawkers, please provide information on the following:

1. the number of fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers and registered hawker assistants as well as the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers in the past three years (i.e. from 2011 to 2013), with a breakdown by district and commodities sold;
2. the number of hawker licences surrendered under the assistance scheme for hawker licensees since the implementation of the scheme last year and the expenditure involved;
3. whether the Department will re-issue the surrendered hawker licences for application by interested parties. If yes, the details; if not, the reason(s); and
4. whether the registered assistants will be given priority in applying for vacant fixed pitches if the surrendered hawker licences are re-issued. If yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of licensed fixed-pitch hawkers and itinerant hawkers, registered hawker assistants as well as the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers in the past three years from 2011 to 2013, with a breakdown by district/region and commodities sold, are provided at Annex. There is no information on the commodities sold by unlicensed hawkers.
2. As at 28 February 2014, 215 voluntary surrender of fixed-pitch hawker licence for ex-gratia payment applications are approved and the expenditure involved is \$25.8 million.
3. and 4. The Administration will examine these suggestions after the assistance scheme has been implemented for a period of time, taking into account the circumstances of each hawker area, including the business environment, fire safety and environmental hygiene considerations and the views of District Councils and local residents.

**No. of Licensed Fixed-Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2011)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed-Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	3	1	15	10	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
	Bootblack	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	35	30	6	11	26	21	26	16	0	6	7	32	0	1	233
	Newspaper	77	57	49	5	132	27	32	17	51	16	21	8	18	8	8	3	3	1	533
	Tradesman	95	16	17	0	58	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	194
	Wall Stall	31	16	19	14	147	61	33	3	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	351
	Other Classes	454	380	382	34	2 573	1 031	63	0	113	0	91	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 124
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	44									33									77
	Mobile Van	10									6									16
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	206									204									410
Registered Hawker Assistant	521	533	293	36	2 046	754	55	42	215	22	30	20	20	17	15	31	3	3	4 656	
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers	165	173	125	39	384	286	59	126	144	91	22	52	32	77	27	59	13	30	1 921 [#] (1904+17)	

[#]The figure includes 17 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department

**No. of Licensed Fixed-Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2012)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed-Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	2	1	14	9	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
	Bootblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	32	30	6	11	26	20	24	16	0	6	7	31	0	1	226
	Newspaper	75	52	48	4	128	26	29	16	48	16	21	8	18	8	7	3	3	1	511
	Tradesman	90	15	17	0	56	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	186
	Wall Stall	30	15	18	14	143	60	32	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	336
	Other Classes	447	375	379	33	2 551	1 020	56	0	64*	0	39	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 967
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	39									33									72
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Class	186									195									381
Registered Hawker Assistant	571	577	356	45	2 154	896	59	42	219	27	53	22	24	17	15	32	3	3	5 115	
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers	158	140	128	28	355	279	61	23	131	87	21	51	33	79	22	24	24	29	1 691 [#] (1673+18)	

*Excluding 48 temporary hawker licences at Hip Wo Street Hawker Bazaar and Mut Wah Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar, where the hawkers would be resited to Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar

[#]The figure includes 18 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department

**No. of Licensed Fixed-Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2013)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed-Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	2	1	13	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
	Bootblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	33	28	6	11	24	21	20	10	0	4	7	30	0	1	211
	Newspaper	72	50	44	4	123	26	25	16	42	14	20	8	17	7	7	2	3	1	481
	Tradesman	86	15	16	0	55	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	180
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	139	59	29	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325
	Other Classes	426	368	340	32	2 443	984	53	0	0*	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 741
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									32									70
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	177									191									368
Registered Hawker Assistant		610	602	397	48	2 261	1 032	61	42	227	26	124	23	24	17	16	33	3	3	5 549
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers		148	36	131	44	256	248	62	21	119	75	18	50	27	78	20	57	13	20	1 463 [#] (1423+40)

*Excluding 112 temporary hawker licences at Hip Wo Street Hawker Bazaar and Mut Wah Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar, where the hawkers will be resited to Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar

[#]The figure includes 40 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department