

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

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Question (Member Question No. 17):

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 2012 and 31 December 2013:

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;
8. median rent.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

		<u>31.12.2012</u>	<u>Position as at</u> <u>31.12.2013</u>
1.	Number of stalls let out	12 475	12 608
2.	Number of vacant stalls	1 484 (824 of which are frozen#)	1 353 (947 of which are frozen#)
3.	Total number of stalls	13 959	13 961
4.	Vacancy rate	10.6%	9.7%
5.	Highest monthly stall rental	\$62,286	\$66,337
6.	Lowest monthly stall rental	\$10.34	\$10.34
7.	Average monthly stall rental	\$2,785.50	\$2,790.27
8.	Median monthly rent	\$1,800	\$1,800

These stalls were frozen for reasons such as forthcoming improvement works.