

**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. 4):

Under this programme, it is mentioned that the number of hawker blackspots was 45 in 2012 and 2013 and is estimated to be at the same level in 2014. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- (a) whether the 45 hawker blackspots remain the same throughout the years, and the locations of these blackspots;
- (b) the reason(s) why there is no reduction in the number of hawker blackspots despite the enforcement actions undertaken by the Department; and
- (c) the expenditure on controlling licensed and unlicensed hawking and containing obstruction caused by commercial activities, as well as the manpower and establishment of various districts for carrying out these duties during and outside office hours.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

- (a) The number of hawker blackspots stood at 45 in the past three years (i.e. 2011, 2012 and 2013). The locations of the 45 blackspots remained the same and are provided at Annex I.
- (b) Hawker blackspots are locations where unlicensed hawkers congregate. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department conducts quarterly surveys to identify and update hawker blackspots. Whether a certain location is classified as a hawker blackspot depends on the number of unlicensed hawkers spotted trading at the location at any one time of the day during the surveys.
- (c)(i) The expenditure incurred in controlling licensed and unlicensed hawking and containing obstruction caused by commercial activities is subsumed under the overall cost of our work to manage and control on-street hawking and related activities. This is estimated at \$953.5 million in 2014-15. There is no separate breakdown for the expenditure incurred in handling these activities.  
(ii) The establishment of hawker control officer grade staff for the year of 2014-15 is 2 210, with breakdown as listed at Annex II. To control on-street hawking and related activities, the Hawker Control Teams ("the HCTs") at district level operate on a two-shift system from 7:00 a.m. to mid-night, whereas the HCTs at regional level operate on a three-shift system around the clock, including an additional overnight shift to augment district hawker control at hawker blackspots and to tackle illegal hawking activities after mid-night and in the early morning hours in the respective regions. Manpower deployment to each shift in districts and regions depends on operational need.

**Location of Hawker Blackspots**

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Central/Western	1. The vicinity of Statue Square and former Legislative Council Building
	2. The vicinity of Charter Garden and Murray Road
	3. Footbridge along Connaught Road Central and its vicinity
Wan Chai	4. Wan Chai Road (between Johnston Road and Cross Street), Tai Yuen Street, Cross Street, Stone Nullah Lane (between Johnston Road and Cross Street) and the vicinity
	5. Bowrington Road (between Hennessy Road and Sharp Street West) and Wan Chai Road (between Canal Road West and Tin Lok Lane)
Eastern	6. Area near Chai Wan Market including the open space outside Walton Estate, Yee Shun Street, Yee Tai Street, Yee Fung Street and the lane in front of Winner Centre
	7. Kam Wa Street area including Mong Lung Street and Tai Tak Street
	8. Marble Road area including North Point MTR Exits, Kam Hong Street, Shu Kuk Street, a section of King's Road between Kam Hong Street and Tin Chiu Street as well as the vicinity of Java Road Market
	9. Chun Yeung Street area including North Point Road, Tong Shui Road, a section of King's Road around Kam Hong Street, and Fortress Hill MTR Exits
	10. Siu Sai Wan area along Siu Sai Wan Road from Bus Terminus up to Fullview Garden
	11. Kut Shing Street and Chai Wan Footbridge outside Chai Wan MTR Station
	12. The streets around Sai Wan Ho Market including Tai On Street and section of Shau Kei Wan Road in front of Tai On Building, the vicinity of Quarry Bay Market including Quarry Bay Footbridge, a section of King's Road between Finnie Street and Hong On Street and outside Aeon area
Southern	13. Pavement between Aberdeen West Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Promenade
Islands	14. The areas in the vicinity of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier and Praya Street, Cheung Chau
	15. The areas at the junction of Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung, Lantau Island
Yau Tsim Mong	16. Nathan Road section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	17. Sai Yeung Choi Street South section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street

District	Location
	18. The vicinity of FEHD Mong Kok Market bounded by Nelson Street, Canton Road, Argyle Street and Tong Mi Road
	19. Fa Yuen Street section between Nullah Road and Dundas Street
	20. Sai Yee Street section between Argyle Street and Soy Street
	21. Portland Street section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
Sham Shui Po	22. Tung Chau Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street)
	23. Pei Ho Street (between Un Chau Street and Lai Chi Kok Road)
	24. Kweilin Street (between Apliu Street and Yu Chau Street)
Kowloon City	25. Bulkeley Street (between Gillies Ave South and Dock Street)
Wong Tai Sin	26. Tai Shing Street, Tai Tung Street and its vicinity
	27. Ngau Chi Wan Village and its vicinity
	28. Lung Cheung Road Shatin Pass Road
	29. Lok Fu MTR Station area near Wang Tau Hom East Road and its vicinity
	30. Ching Tak Street and its vicinity
Kwun Tong	31. Tai Yau Street and its vicinity in San Po Kong Industrial Area
	32. Tsun Yip Street/ How Ming Street / Hip Wo Street / Shui Wo Street / Hoi Yuen Road
	33. Footbridges of Telford Plaza linking Kowloon Bay MTR / Ngau Tau Kok Road of Amoy Plaza / Wang Hoi Road
	34. Lam Tin Estate passage way between Tak Tin Street & Ping Tin Street at side of Lam Tin Estate Bus Terminus
Kwai Tsing	35. On Wah Street / On Tak Road / Jordan Valley Road North / Ngau Tau Kok Road adjacent to Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate, Kwun Tong
Kwai Tsing	36. Sheung Ko Tan Street, Chung Mei Village, Tsing Yi
Tuen Mun	37. The vicinity of Sam Shing Estate
	38. Kai Man Path
	39. Mei Lok Lane
Yuen Long	40. Hop Choi Street
North	41. Sheung Shui MTR Station & its vicinity (including surrounding footbridges, Choi Yuen Road and San Wan Road)

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
	42. Fanling MTR Station & its vicinity (including Fanling Station Road and from adjoining footbridge to Pak Wo Road and Yat Ming Road)
Sha Tin	43. Under flyover between Lung Hang Estate & Sun Chui Estate
	44. Near Fun City, Lek Yuen Street
	45. Mei Tin Road

## Establishment of Hawker Control Officer Grade Staff (2014-15)

Post	Regions			HK and Islands Districts					Kln Districts							NT Districts							Hawker management and supporting services	Total				
	HK and Islands	Kln	NT	E	S	WeH	C/W	Is	KT	MK	SSP	KC	WTS	YT	TW	KwT	N	TP	SK	ST	TM	YL						
<b>Principal Hawker Control Officer</b>	1	1	1*	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	
<b>Chief Hawker Control Officer</b>	3	3	3	2	2	2	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	49
<b>Senior Hawker Control Officer</b>	7	10	13	16	5	13	17	7	10	16	14	9	9	14	6	8	7	7	8	9	8	9	8	9	9	9	231	
<b>Hawker Control Officer</b>	20	29	37	17	7	14	20	9	11	16	15	11	11	15	8	10	9	9	10	11	10	11	10	11	2	312		
<b>Assistant Hawker Control Officer</b>	53	80	102	113	43	84	119	45	73	106	101	71	63	102	45	52	50	48	52	63	54	62	62	16	1597			
<b>Total</b>	84	123	156	149	57	114	161	62	97	141	133	94	86	134	62	73	69	67	73	86	75	85	29	2210				

\* 1 Principal Hawker Control Officer loaned from District Office (C/W)