

**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  
This question originates from: Estimates on Expenditure Volume I Page 253 (if applicable)

Question (Member Question No. 35):

It is stated that the Department will “continue to take forward the assistance scheme for hawker licensees to improve the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

(a) the latest position of the assistance scheme in the table below:

Item	Number of hawkers eligible	Number of hawkers applied	Number of hawkers approved	Expenditure required
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences				
Relocation of stalls				
In-situ reconstruction of stalls				

(b) the take-up rate of the assistance scheme in each of the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas covered by the scheme;

(c) the number of licensed hawkers operating in the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas before and after the implementation of the assistance scheme in the table below:

District	Location of fixed pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees		
		Cabinet-type	HPP-type	Total	Cabinet-type	HPP-type	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street						
	Marble Street						
	Kam Wa Street						
	Tai Tak Street						
	Mong Lung Street						
	Subtotal						

Central & Western	Pottinger Street						
	Graham Street						
	Gage Street						
	Li Yuen Street East						
	Li Yuen Street West						
	Peel Street						
	Wing Kut Street						
	Upper Lascar Row						
	Man Wa Lane						
	Subtotal						
Wan Chai	Gresson Street						
	Cross Street						
	Tai Yuen Street						
	Jardine's Crescent						
	Subtotal						
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street						
	Pak Hoi Street						
	Saigon Street						
	Canton Road						
	Bowring Street						
	Temple Street						
	Subtotal						
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street						
	Canton Road						
	Fife Street						
	Yin Chong Street						
	Ki Lung Street						
	Poplar Street						
	Fa Yuen Street						
	Nelson Street						
	Subtotal						
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street						
	Fat Tseung Street						
	Cheung Fat Street						
	Fuk Wa Street						
	Fuk Wing Street						
	Pei Ho Street						
	Apliu Street						
	Ki Lung Street						
	Tai Nan Street						
	Kweilin Street						
	Subtotal						

Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street						
	Subtotal						
	Total No. of Stalls :						

HPP: Hawker Permitted Place

- (d) the expenditure and number of licences involved each year since the implementation of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme in 2002 in the table below:

Year	Expenditure of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme	Number of "Dai Pai Tong" licences voluntarily surrendered	Total number of "Dai Pai Tong" licences	Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences voluntarily surrendered	Total number of Itinerant Hawker Licences
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					
2007					
2008					
2009					
2010					
2011					
2012					
2013					

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought for (a) – (d) is provided at Annexes 1-4.

**The Latest Position of the Assistance Scheme  
(as at 28.2.2014)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of hawkers eligible</b>	<b>Number of hawkers who have applied</b>	<b>Number of applications approved for payment</b>	<b>Amount of grant involved (\$)</b>
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences	4 202	261	215	25,800,000
Relocation of stalls	498	112	3#	156,900
In-situ reconstruction of stalls	3 837	93	1#	15,000

# Payment for relocation or in-situ reconstruction grant is subject to compliance of all stall construction specifications and clearance of existing stall structure.

**Take-up Rate of the Assistance Scheme in Each of the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas  
Covered by the Scheme (as at 28.2.2014)**

District	Location of Hawker Areas	Number of Hawker Stalls (a)	Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications (b)	Number of Relocation Applications (c)	Number of In-situ Reconstruction Applications (d)	Take-up Rate (e) = ((b)+(c)+(d))/(a)
Eastern	1 Chun Yeung Street	93	5	5	1	12%
	2 Marble Street	124	23	4	1	23%
	3 Kam Wa Street	111	10	6	0	14%
	4 Tai Tak Street	28	4	0	1	18%
	5 Mong Lung Street	21	3	0	0	14%
	Sub-total	377	45	15	3	17%
Central and Western	6 Pottinger Street	47	3	1	0	9%
	7 Graham Street	55	7	6	2	27%
	8 Gage Street	15	2	0	0	13%
	9 Li Yuen Street East	63	4	13	13	48%
	10 Li Yuen Street West	58	5	20	19	76%
	11 Peel Street	43	9	2	3	33%
	12 Wing Kut Street	34	1	6	1	24%
	13 Upper Lascar Row	13	1	0	3	31%
	14 Man Wa Lane	32	0	2	0	6%
	Sub-total	360	32	50	41	34%
Wan Chai	15 Gresson Street	51	5	0	0	10%
	16 Cross Street	71	0	1	0	1%
	17 Tai Yuen Street	76	0	1	0	1%
	18 Jardine's Crescent	162	3	0	0	2%
	Sub-total	360	8	2	0	3%
Yau Tsim	19 Reclamation Street	233	32	0	0	14%
	20 Pak Hoi Street	16	3	1	0	25%
	21 Saigon Street	19	1	1	0	11%
	22 Canton Road	36	14	1	0	42%
	23 Bowring Street	100	6	7	3	16%
	24 Temple Street	323	6	5	16	8%
	Sub-total	727	62	15	19	13%
Mongkok	25 Tung Choi Street	698	17	0	0	2%
	26 Canton Road	317	20	3	4	9%
	27 Fife Street	29	3	2	3	28%

	28	Yin Chong Street	78	4	0	0	5%
	29	Ki Lung Street	20	10	2	1	65%
	30	Poplar Street	12	3	1	0	33%
	31	Fa Yuen Street	220	1	0	0	0%
	32	Nelson Street	63	5	0	0	8%
		Sub-total	1 437	63	8	8	5%
Sham Shui Po	33	Wing Lung Street	71	16	2	0	25%
	34	Fat Tseung Street	47	7	0	0	15%
	35	Cheung Fat Street	65	14	2	1	26%
	36	Fuk Wa Street	166	2	0	0	1%
	37	Fuk Wing Street	40	0	0	0	0%
	38	Pei Ho Street	154	1	0	0	1%
	39	Apliu Street	221	7	0	2	4%
	40	Ki Lung Street	135	1	9	3	10%
	41	Tai Nan Street	63	0	0	5	8%
	42	Kweilin Street	58	0	0	0	0%
		Sub-total	1 020	48	13	11	7%
Kowloon City	43	Pau Chung Street	54	3	9	11	43%
		Sub-total	54	3	9	11	43%
		Total:	4 335	261	112	93	11%

## Annex 3

**Licensed Hawkers Operating in the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas before and after  
the Implementation of the Assistant Scheme**

District	Location of fixed pitches		Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees (as at 28.2.2014)		
			“Cabinet” type stalls	Hawker Permitted Place stalls	Total	“Cabinet” type stalls	Hawker Permitted Place stalls	Total
Eastern	1	Chun Yeung Street	93	0	93	88	0	88
	2	Marble Street	124	0	124	105	0	105
	3	Kam Wa Street	20	91	111	19	83	102
	4	Tai Tak Street	26	2	28	23	1	24
	5	Mong Lung Street	4	17	21	3	15	18
			Sub-total	267	110	377	238	99
Central and Western	6	Pottinger Street	47	0	47	44	0	44
	7	Graham Street	35	20	55	31	17	48
	8	Gage Street	15	0	15	13	0	13
	9	Li Yuen Street East	63	0	63	61	0	61
	10	Li Yuen Street West	58	0	58	53	0	53
	11	Peel Street	36	7	43	31	5	36
	12	Wing Kut Street	32	2	34	31	2	33
	13	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	13	12	0	12
	14	Man Wa Lane	32	0	32	32	0	32
		Sub-total	331	29	360	308	24	332
Wan Chai	15	Gresson Street	46	5	51	42	4	46
	16	Cross Street	60	11	71	60	11	71
	17	Tai Yuen Street	5	71	76	5	71	76
	18	Jardine's Crescent	162	0	162	161	0	161
			Sub-total	273	87	360	268	86
Yau Tsim	19	Reclamation Street	189	44	233	167	37	204
	20	Pak Hoi Street	7	9	16	7	6	13
	21	Saigon Street	19	0	19	18	0	18
	22	Canton Road	32	4	36	20	2	22
	23	Bowring Street	100	0	100	96	0	96
	24	Temple Street	34	289	323	34	284	318
			Sub-total	381	346	727	342	329
Mongkok	25	Tung Choi Street	0	698	698	0	681	681
	26	Canton Road	317	0	317	297	0	297
	27	Fife Street	29	0	29	26	0	26

	28	Yin Chong Street	78	0	78	74	0	74
	29	Ki Lung Street	20	0	20	10	0	10
	30	Poplar Street	12	0	12	9	0	9
	31	Fa Yuen Street	220	0	220	219	0	219
	32	Nelson Street	0	63	63	0	58	58
		Sub-total	676	761	1 437	635	739	1 374
Sham Shui Po	33	Wing Lung Street	5	66	71	5	52	57
	34	Fat Tseung Street	27	20	47	25	16	41
	35	Cheung Fat Street	54	11	65	43	9	52
	36	Fuk Wa Street	166	0	166	164	0	164
	37	Fuk Wing Street	0	40	40	0	40	40
	38	Pei Ho Street	124	30	154	123	30	153
	39	Apliu Street	179	42	221	173	42	215
	40	Ki Lung Street	39	96	135	39	95	134
	41	Tai Nan Street	2	61	63	2	61	63
	42	Kweilin Street	0	58	58	0	58	58
		Sub-total	596	424	1 020	574	403	977
Kowloon City	43	Pau Chung Street	54	0	54	51	0	51
		Sub-total	54	0	54	51	0	51
		Total No. of Stalls	2 578	1 757	4 335	2 416	1 680	4 096



**Information on Expenditure and Number of Hawker Licences involved since the Implementation of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme in 2002**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme</b>	<b>Number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences voluntarily surrendered<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences</b>	<b>Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences voluntarily surrendered<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total number of Itinerant Hawker Licences</b>
2002	\$0	0	161	0	1 006
2003	\$3,960,000	5	153	138	858
2004	\$2,370,000	13	135	62	787
2005	\$1,620,000	8	119	47	726
2006	\$1,470,000	5	113	48	673
2007	\$1,890,000	6	107	71	600
2008	\$810,000	N/A	105	47	546
2009	\$480,000	N/A	104 <sup>3</sup>	30	535
2010	\$690,000	N/A	105	28	522
2011	\$510,000	N/A	103	17	505
2012	\$780,000	N/A	98	26	470
2013	N/A	N/A	97	N/A	455

Note:

- <sup>1</sup> Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Fixed Pitch (Cooked Food/Light Refreshment) Hawker Licences was administered for five years from 1 December 2002 to 30 November 2007.
- <sup>2</sup> Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Itinerant Hawker Licences was administered for ten years from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2012.
- <sup>3</sup> One licence was cancelled due to the death of a licensee in 2009 but the licence was succeeded by the spouse of the deceased licensee in the following year.