

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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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

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will designate new hawker areas at suitable locations in the territory in 2015-16; if yes, please also advise on the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 360)

Reply:

Since the activities of a hawker area often affect different stakeholders in the local community differently (depending on the location of the hawker area in question, its hours of operation and conditions, etc.), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) sees considerable merits in having a bottom-up approach. A proposal hatched with the support of the local community would stand a much better chance of enjoying public acceptance, local participation and ownership, in addition to meeting local needs. The Department will keep in view and stands ready to facilitate such proposals.

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