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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the performance indicator and statistics pertaining to the assistance scheme for hawker licensees last year.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme), which commenced on 3 June 2013, aims to provide one-off financial assistance to 4 335 hawkers in 43 hawker areas for stall reconstruction and relocation in order to improve fire safety. Besides, an ex-gratia payment ("EGP") is offered under the Scheme for voluntary surrender of hawker licences to the Government.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has not set any annual performance indicator for the Scheme. Since the launch of the Scheme and up to 28 February 2015, of the 4 335 hawkers who are eligible to apply for a grant or ex-gratia allowance under the Scheme, 1 459 have submitted their applications. It is open to the remaining 2 876 hawkers to put in their applications any time before expiry of the Scheme in June 2018.

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