

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 0311)

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

Question:

With regard to the work of “managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars”, please provide information on the following:

- the location, name, year of commissioning, number of stalls that can be accommodated, current number of stalls and vacancy rate of each of the existing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the territory, with a breakdown by district;
- whether the Department plans to close any of the hawker permitted places or hawker bazaars; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; and
- whether stakeholders will be consulted before closure of such venues; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the number of licensed on-street hawker pitches, number of vacant hawker pitches and relevant vacancy rates in the territory is provided at Annex I.

Information on the name, year of commencement, number of licensed hawker pitches, number of vacant hawker pitches and vacancy rate for each of the hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the territory is provided at Annex II and Annex III respectively.

- (b) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has no plan to close any of the hawker permitted places. For hawker bazaars, the Department recognizes that there is a need to formulate exit plans for bazaars with high vacancy rates to ensure that scarce land resources are released for redevelopment and put to gainful use. The Department will actively formulate improvement or exit plans for

existing hawker bazaars, having regard to their business viability, the needs of the community, resource availability and competing priorities. In fact, the Department has closed Tai Lin Pai Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar in December 2015 and is now planning to close Yu Chau West Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar, Ma Kok Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar and Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar. The Department will continue to explore whether the other hawker bazaars can be put to alternative uses. There is no breakdown on the expenditure involved.

- (c) Before closure of any hawker venue, the Department will consult the relevant District Councils and discuss the exit arrangements with the affected hawkers.

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**On-street hawker fixed pitches
(as at December 2015)**

District	Number of on-street fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
	Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Central and Western	599	28	4.5%
Wanchai	430	17	3.8%
Eastern	376	11	2.8%
Southern	30	0	0%
Islands	2	0	0%
Yau Tsim	795	70	8.1%
Mong Kok	1 440	118	7.6%
Sham Shui Po	1 006	60	5.6%
Kowloon City	104	2	1.9%
Wong Tai Sin	17	0	0%
Kwun Tong	61	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	13	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	20	0	0%
Tuen Mum	8	0	0%
Yuen Long	16	0	0%
North	7	0	0%
Tai Po	6	0	0%
Shatin	1	0	0%
Sai Kung	3	0	0%
Total	4 934	306	5.8%

Remarks: * The figure represents the number of pitches vacated as a result of voluntary surrender of hawker licences under the Hawker Assistance Scheme. The figure does not include pitches located outside building staircase discharge points / emergency vehicular access, earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations or absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas. Fixed-pitches vacated for other reasons and reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments are also excluded.

**Hawker fixed pitches
in hawker permitted places
(as at December 2015)**

District	Serial No.	Hawker Permitted Place	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
				Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Eastern	1	Kam Wa Street / Aldrich Street	1981	79	2	2.5%
	2	Mong Lung Street	1981	11	0	0%
	3	Tai Tak Street	1981	1	0	0%
Sub-total				91	2	2.2%
Wanchai	4	Gresson Street	1980	4	0	0%
	5	Tai Yuen Street	1980	71	0	0%
	6	Cross Street / Sam Pan Street	1991	10	1	9.1%
Sub-total				85	1	1.2%
Central and Western	7	Findlay Road	1999	6	0	0%
	8	Chiu Lung Street (East)	1999	9	0	0%
	9	Gilman's Bazaar	1985	4	0	0%
	10	Graham Street	1980	17	9	34.6%
	11	MacDonnell Road	1980	1	0	0%
	12	Peel Street	1980	3	9	75.0%
	13	Staunton Street	1980	0	0	0%
	14	Wing Kut Street	1980	2	0	0%
	15	Wing On Street	1980	3	0	0%
Sub-total				45	18	28.6%
Southern	16	Waterfall Bay Park	1980	11	0	0%
Sub-total				11	0	0%
Yau Tsim	17	Reclamation Street	1981	34	28	45.2%
	18	Pak Hoi Street	1981	6	3	33.3%
	19	Temple Street	1981	268	17	6.0%
	20	Canton Road	1993	2	0	0%
	21	Pitt Street	1994	0	0	0%
Sub-total				310	48	13.4%

District	Serial No.	Hawker Permitted Place	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
				Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Sham Shui Po	22	Wing Lung Street	1975	43	22	33.8%
	23	Fat Tseung Street	1975	14	8	36.4%
	24	Cheung Fat Street	1975	9	15	62.5%
	25	Apliu Street	1978	42	7	14.3%
	26	Fuk Wing Street	1993	39	1	2.5%
	27	Kweilin Street	1993	59	0	0%
	28	Ki Lung Street	1993	91	4	4.2%
	29	Pei Ho Street	1993	29	1	3.3%
	30	Tai Nan Street	1993	60	0	0%
Sub-total				386	58	13.1%
Mong Kok	31	Tung Choi Street	1979	629	64	9.2%
	32	Cheung Wong Road	1979	2	0	0%
	33	Nelson Street	1979	52	10	16.1%
	34	Nam Tau Street	1979	1	0	0%
Sub-total				684	74	9.8%
Total				1612	201	11.1%

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**Hawker fixed pitches in
hawker bazaars
(as at December 2015)**

District	Serial No.	Hawker Bazaar	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy Rate
				Licensed	Vacant*	
				(a)	(b)	(b) / ((a)+(b))
Southern	1	Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar	1973	21	4	16%
Yau Tsim	2	Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1978	11	9	45.0%
	3	Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	4	8	66.7%
	4	Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1984	17	7	29.2%
	5	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone A)	1985	60	0	0%
	6	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone B)	1985	290	0	0%
	Shum Shui Po	7	Yu Chau West Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1977	3	23
8		Yen Chow Street Hawker Bazaar	1978	20	0	0%
Kwun Tong	9	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	6	4	40.0%
	10	Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar	2014	125	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	11	Ma Kok Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1978	9	27	75.0%
	12	Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1970	5	31	86.1%
	13	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	1980	93	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	14	Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1972	5	15	75.0%
Tuen Mun	15	Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	1969	4	0	0%

Note: *Frozen pitches reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments are excluded.

