

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

Question:

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

1. 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;
2. whether there are plans to close any of the hawker permitted places or hawker bazaars; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; and
3. whether stakeholders will be consulted before closure of such venues; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

1. 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 are provided at Annexes II and III respectively.

2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has no plan to close any of the hawker permitted places. For hawker bazaars, the Department recognises 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 2015, Yu Chau West Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar and Ma Kok Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar in 2016, and is now planning to close 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 expenditure involved.

3. 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 2016)**

District	Number of on-street fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
	Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Central and Western	588	28	4.5%
Wanchai	424	19	4.3%
Eastern	329	13	3.8%
Southern	30	0	0%
Islands	2	0	0%
Yau Tsim	774	67	8.0%
Mong Kok	1 373	102	6.9%
Sham Shui Po	1 001	56	5.3%
Kowloon City	98	6	5.8%
Wong Tai Sin	17	0	0%
Kwun Tong	60	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	11	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	18	0	0%
Tuen Mum	8	0	0%
Yuen Long	14	0	0%
North	6	0	0%
Tai Po	6	0	0%
Shatin	1	0	0%
Sai Kung	2	0	0%
Total	4 762	291	5.8%

Note: * 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, and absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas, etc. 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 2016)**

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	66	3	4.3%
	2	Mong Lung Street	1981	3	0	0%
	3	Tai Tak Street	1981	0	1	100%
Sub-total				69	4	5.5%
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	15	6	28.6%
	11	MacDonnell Road	1980	1	0	0%
	12	Peel Street	1980	2	5	71.4%
	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				42	11	20.8%
Southern	16	Waterfall Bay Park	1980	11	0	0%
Sub-total				11	0	0%
Yau Tsim	17	Reclamation Street	1981	31	5	13.9%
	18	Pak Hoi Street	1981	6	3	33.3%
	19	Temple Street	1981	259	14	5.1%
	20	Canton Road	1993	2	2	50.0%
	21	Pitt Street	1994	0	0	0%
Sub-total				298	24	7.5%

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				Licensed [#] (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Sham Shui Po	22	Wing Lung Street	1975	39	20	33.9%
	23	Fat Tseung Street	1975	14	4	22.2%
	24	Cheung Fat Street	1975	9	1	10.0%
	25	Apliu Street	1978	42	0	0%
	26	Fuk Wing Street	1993	38	1	2.6%
	27	Kweilin Street	1993	58	0	0%
	28	Ki Lung Street	1993	90	2	2.2%
	29	Pei Ho Street	1993	29	0	0%
	30	Tai Nan Street	1993	59	0	0%
Sub-total				378	28	6.9%
Mong Kok	31	Tung Choi Street	1979	584	34	5.5%
	32	Cheung Wong Road	1979	2	0	0%
	33	Nelson Street	1979	51	11	17.7%
	34	Nam Tau Street	1979	1	0	0%
Sub-total				638	45	6.6%
Total				1 521	113	6.9%

Note : [#] All licensed fixed pitches along the subject streets are counted.

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**Hawker fixed pitches in hawker bazaars
(as at December 2016)**

District	Serial No.	Hawker Bazaar	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy Rate
				Licensed	Vacant*	(b) / ((a)+(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	16	8	33.3%
	5	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone A)	1985	59	0	0%
	6	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone B)	1985	290	0	0%
	Shum Shui Po	7	Yen Chow Street Hawker Bazaar	1978	8	0
Kwun Tong	8	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	6	4	40.0%
	9	Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar	2014	125	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	10	Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1970	5	31	86.1%
	11	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	1980	93	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	12	Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1972	5	15	75%
Tuen Mun	13	Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	1969	4	0	0%

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