

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

With regard to the work of “continu(ing) to implement the assistance scheme for improving the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas”, please provide information on the following:

1. 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				

2. the take-up rate of the assistance scheme in each of the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas covered by the scheme in the table below:

District	Location of hawker areas	Number of hawker stalls	Number of ex-gratia payment application	Number of relocation applications	Number of in-situ reconstruction applications	Take-up rate

3. 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	After the implementation of the

		assistance scheme for hawker licensees			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 Street						
	Bowring Street						
	Temple Street						
	Subtotal						
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street						
	Canton Street						
	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

4. 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
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					
2007					
2008					
2009					
2010					
2011					
2012					
2013					
2014					
2015					
2016					

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The information sought in respect of the Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Hawker Assistance Scheme) is provided at Annexes 1-4.

**Latest Position of the Hawker Assistance Scheme
(as at 28.2.2017)**

	Number of hawkers eligible	Number of hawkers who applied	Number of applications approved	Expenditure required
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences	4 196	721	644 ¹	\$77,280,000
Relocation of stalls	499	413	391 ²	\$18,227,800
In-situ reconstruction of stalls	3 827	2 420	1 848 ²	\$66,470,600

- 1 Release of ex-gratia payment is subject to clearance of existing stall structure.
- 2 Payment of relocation or in-situ reconstruction grant is subject to compliance with all stall construction specifications and clearance of existing stall structure.

**Take-up Rate of the Hawker Assistance Scheme
(as at 28.2.2017)**

District	Location of Hawker Areas	Number of Hawker Stalls [#]	Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications	Number of Relocation Applications	Number of In-situ Re-construction Applications	Take-up Rate (e) = [(b)+(c) + (d)]/(a)
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	19	7	66	98.9%
	Marble Street	120	51	12	57	100.0%
	Kam Wa Street	111	20	8	43	64.0%
	Tai Tak Street	35	15	0	16	88.6%
	Mong Lung Street	14	10	0	4	100.0%
	Sub-total	373	115	27	186	87.9%
Central and Western	Pottinger Street	44	7	1	36	100.0%
	Graham Street	56	13	6	37	100.0%
	Gage Street	15	4	0	11	100.0%
	Li Yuen Street East	63	5	12	46	100.0%
	Li Yuen Street West	58	5	20	33	100.0%
	Peel Street	43	19	2	22	100.0%
	Wing Kut Street	33	1	6	26	100.0%
	Upper Lascar Row	13	1	0	12	100.0%
	Man Wa Lane	32	1	2	29	100.0%
	Sub-total	357	56	49	252	100.0%
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	52	12	2	38	100.0%
	Cross Street	70	2	7	59	97.1%
	Tai Yuen Street	76	2	5	69	100.0%
	Jardine's Crescent	166	25	34	106	99.4%
	Sub-total	364	41	48	272	99.2%

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		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	233	60	28	145	100.0%
	Pak Hoi Street	16	3	1	11	93.8%
	Saigon Street	19	5	1	13	100.0%
	Canton Road	38	30	1	7	100.0%
	Bowring Street	100	14	9	77	100.0%
	Temple Street	323	37	5	102	44.6%
	Sub-total	729	149	45	355	75.3%
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	689	127	0	134	37.9%
	Canton Road	317	59	33	216	97.2%
	Fife Street	34	13	2	9	70.6%
	Yin Chong Street	78	13	9	53	96.2%
	Ki Lung Street	22	14	2	2	81.8%
	Poplar Street	12	6	1	1	66.7%
	Fa Yuen Street	219	1	30	188	100.0%
	Nelson Street	63	12	0	0	19.0%
	Sub-total	1 434	245	77	603	64.5%
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	72	30	4	34	94.4%
	Fat Tseung Street	47	17	5	25	100.0%
	Cheung Fat Street	65	23	3	39	100.0%
	Fuk Wa Street	166	10	33	121	98.8%
	Fuk Wing Street	39	1	8	30	100.0%
	Pei Ho Street	153	6	14	128	96.7%

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		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Sham Shui Po (cont'd)	Apliu Street	220	12	51	152	97.7%
	Ki Lung Street	133	7	21	104	99.2%
	Tai Nan Street	61	1	12	46	96.7%
	Kweilin Street	59	0	8	50	98.3%
	Sub-total	1 015	107	159	729	98.0%
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	8	8	23	72.2%
	Sub-total	54	8	8	23	72.2%
	Total	4 326	721	413	2 420	82.2%

The number of hawker stalls has taken into account changes outside the scope of the Hawker Assistance Scheme, including the death of licensees, licences surrendered but licensees not being eligible for ex-gratia payment, relocation of hawker stalls and succession of licence.

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

District	Hawker Area	Number of hawkers before implementation of the Scheme			Number of hawkers after implementation of the Scheme ¹ (as at 28.2.2017)		
		Cabinet -type	HPP- type ²	Total	Cabinet -type	HPP- type ²	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	0	93	74	0	74
	Marble Street	124	0	124	76	0	76
	Kam Wa Street	20	91	111	26	66	92
	Tai Tak Street	26	2	28	21	0	21
	Mong Lung Street	4	17	21	3	3	6
	Subtotal	267	110	377	200	69	269
Central & Western	Pottinger Street	47	0	47	36	0	36
	Graham Street	35	20	55	29	14	43
	Gage Street	15	0	15	11	0	11
	Li Yuen Street East	63	0	63	58	0	58
	Li Yuen Street West	58	0	58	53	0	53
	Peel Street	36	7	43	26	2	28
	Wing Kut Street	32	2	34	30	2	32
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	13	12	0	12
	Man Wa Lane	32	0	32	31	0	31
	Subtotal	331	29	360	286	18	304
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	46	5	51	36	4	40
	Cross Street	60	11	71	58	10	68
	Tai Yuen Street	5	71	76	5	71	76
	Jardine's Crescent	162	0	162	141	0	141
	Subtotal	273	87	360	240	85	325
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	189	44	233	148	31	179
	Pak Hoi Street	7	9	16	7	6	13
	Saigon Street	19	0	19	16	0	16
	Canton Road	32	4	36	17	2	19
	Bowring Street	100	0	100	90	0	90
	Temple Street	34	289	323	34	255	289
	Subtotal	381	346	727	312	294	606

District	Hawker Area	Number of hawkers before implementation of the Scheme			Number of hawkers after implementation of the Scheme ¹ (as at 28.2.2017)		
		Cabinet-type	HPP-type ²	Total	Cabinet-type	HPP-type ²	Total
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	0	698	698	0	572	572
	Canton Road	317	0	317	270	0	270
	Fife Street	29	0	29	21	0	21
	Yin Chong Street	78	0	78	66	0	66
	Ki Lung Street	20	0	20	9	0	9
	Poplar Street	12	0	12	7	0	7
	Fa Yuen Street	220	0	220	216	0	216
	Nelson Street	0	63	63	0	51	51
	Subtotal	676	761	1 437	589	623	1 212
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	5	66	71	4	39	43
	Fat Tseung Street	27	20	47	20	14	34
	Cheung Fat Street	54	11	65	35	9	44
	Fuk Wa Street	166	0	166	156	0	156
	Fuk Wing Street	0	40	40	0	38	38
	Pei Ho Street	124	30	154	118	29	147
	Apliu Street	179	42	221	167	41	208
	Ki Lung Street	39	96	135	35	91	126
	Tai Nan Street	2	61	63	1	59	60
	Kweilin Street	0	58	58	0	59	59
	Subtotal	596	424	1 020	536	379	915
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	0	54	45	0	45
	Subtotal	54	0	54	45	0	45
	Total No. of Stalls :	2 578	1 757	4 335	2 208	1 468	3 676

- 1 The number of hawkers has taken into account changes as a result of surrender of licences, death of licensees, etc under the Hawker Assistance Scheme (the Scheme) and outside the scope of the Scheme, including the death of licensees, licences surrendered but licensees not being eligible for ex-gratia payment, relocation of hawkers and succession of licence.
- 2 Hawker Permitted Place-type.

**Expenditure and Number of Hawker Licences Involved
Since Implementation of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme in 2002**

Year	Expenditure	Number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences voluntarily surrendered ¹	Total number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences	Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences voluntarily surrendered ²	Total number of Itinerant Hawker Licences
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 ³	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
2014	N/A	N/A	95	N/A	442
2015	N/A	N/A	86	N/A	430
2016	N/A	N/A	74	N/A	415

1. The Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Fixed Pitch (Cooked Food/Light Refreshment) Hawker Licences was administered for 5 years from 1 December 2002 to 30 November 2007.
2. The Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Itinerant Hawker Licences was administered for 10 years from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2012.
3. 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.

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