

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:

Regarding the number of hawkers and the policies concerned, please provide information on the following:

1. the number of unlicensed hawkers, complaints received against unlicensed hawkers, prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers, as well as the operational expenses and expenditure on salaries of the Hawker Control Teams, in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17);
2. the number of registered assistants to licensed hawkers, fixed pitch hawkers and itinerant hawkers in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by type of licence and district; and
3. the number of vacant stalls in fixed-pitch hawker areas, new applications for hawker licences and applications for succession to hawker licences in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by district; among the above 2 types of applications, the number of successful and unsuccessful applications, as well as the reason(s) for the unsuccessful applications.

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3059)

Reply:

1. The information sought is provided at Annex I.
2. The information sought is provided at Annex II.

3. The number of vacant hawker pitches in the territory broken down by district is provided at Annex III. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep statistics on the number of new applications for hawker licences, number of applications for succession to hawker licences and the result of the applications.

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Calendar year	Estimated no. of unlicensed hawkers	No. of complaints against unlicensed hawking and obstruction [^]	No. of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers	Financial year	Expenditure on hawker control (\$ million)	Expenditure on salaries on Hawker Control Teams (\$ million)
2014	1 480 [#] (1 440+40)	16 468	26 025	2014-15	951.8	654.1
2015	1 594 [#] (1 488+106)	13 428	23 054	2015-16	1,025.2	690.1
2016	1 454 [#] (1 430+24)	10 512	15 310	2016-17	1,076.0 (revised estimate)	715.6 (revised estimate)

[^] A further breakdown which shows the number of the complaints against unlicensed hawking is not available.

[#] The figures include 40, 106 and 24 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department respectively for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers and Registered Assistants
(Position as at 31.12.2014)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central & Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	1	1	12	8	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
	Bootblack	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	2	33	25	6	7	24	20	20	10	0	4	7	26	0	1	198
	Newspaper	68	48	41	4	116	25	24	14	40	14	20	8	16	7	7	1	3	1	457
	Tradesman	87	14	16	0	53	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	176
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	137	58	28	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	321
	Other Classes	410	359	320	31	2 363	960	53	0	125	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 716
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									31									69
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	170									186									356
Registered Hawker Assistants		568	517	365	46	2 141	1 042	102	36	190	21	134	23	23	17	14	30	3	3	5 275

**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers and Registered Assistants
(Position as at 31.12.2015)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central & Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	1	1	11	8	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	Bootblack	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	2	32	24	6	7	24	13	18	10	0	3	7	22	0	1	182
	Newspaper	65	45	39	4	109	23	23	15	37	13	20	8	15	7	6	1	3	1	434
	Tradesman	85	14	15	0	52	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	172
	Wall Stall	29	15	17	14	134	54	28	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	313
	Other Classes	402	350	304	30	2 279	930	51	0	125	0	93	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 567
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	36									30									66
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	165									182									347
Registered Hawker Assistants		548	492	368	50	2 064	1 050	101	31	199	22	119	25	19	14	12	24	1	3	5 142

**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers and Registered Assistants
(Position as at 31.12.2016)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central & Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	4	0	1	11	8	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	Bootblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	2	31	22	6	9	23	13	9	7	0	0	4	21	0	1	161
	Newspaper	64	48	32	4	106	23	21	15	37	11	18	8	14	6	6	1	2	1	417
	Tradesman	81	15	13	0	52	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166
	Wall Stall	29	20	11	14	133	52	28	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309
	Other Classes	395	334	273	30	2 194	914	47	0	124	0	93	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 407
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	34									30									64
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	156									178									334
Registered Hawker Assistants		552	572	381	57	2 121	1 139	112	33	215	22	146	26	19	14	9	22	1	3	5 444

**Vacant on-street hawker fixed pitches
(as at December 2016)**

District	Number of vacant on-street fixed pitches*
Central and Western	28
Wanchai	19
Eastern	13
Southern	0
Islands	0
Yau Tsim	67
Mong Kok	102
Sham Shui Po	56
Kowloon City	6
Wong Tai Sin	0
Kwun Tong	0
Kwai Tsing	0
Tsuen Wan	0
Tuen Mum	0
Yuen Long	0
North	0
Tai Po	0
Shatin	0
Sai Kung	0
Total	291

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, 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.