

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:

It is the duty of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) to handle applications for organising bazaars and exercise hawker control. In this connection, please advise this Council on the following:

1. details of the application procedures, licence(s) to be applied, approval criteria as well as the time required for issuing the licence(s) for organising bazaars; and
2. the policy adopted by the Department in promoting the development of bazaars in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 160)

Reply:

The Government adopts a positive attitude towards specific proposals for organising bazaars. As long as they will not compromise public order and safety, food safety and environmental hygiene, and will not obstruct public passageways, when suitable sites have been identified by the proponents concerned and support from local communities and respective District Councils have been obtained, the Government will facilitate liaison with the relevant bureaux and departments.

Depending on the specific details of bazaar proposals, the bureaux concerned will, according to the roles they play, give comments on matters related to their policy areas respectively. The departments concerned will process bazaar proposals according to their procedures and criteria. Generally speaking, upon receipt of a specific application, the department concerned will consider the nature, form, operation mode, date and time of the proposed activity to determine whether or not it is suitable to be held at the proposed venue, and whether there are other matters requiring attention in connection with the proposed activity or venue. As to a bazaar activity, the proponent should give details about his/her specific proposal in the application for the use of the venue. During the process, other relevant departments will have the opportunity to give their views on matters that concern them. The department in charge of the venue will consider and process each application

on its own merits in accordance with their vetting criteria and the details of the case. The proponents concerned should also apply for the relevant licences required from the respective departments/licensing authorities separately.

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