

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)
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Question:

It is the duty of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) to process applications for organising bazaars and exercise hawker control. With regard to the work of promoting bazaar development, please set out (in tabular form) the number of enquiries about and applications for organising bazaars, as well as the number of bazaars successfully organised under the existing policy, in the past 3 years; whether the Bureau has reviewed the bazaar policy.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 161)

Reply:

The project proponent of a bazaar proposal should provide details of his/her specific proposal in the application for permission to use the venue. If the owner/department in charge of the venue gives consent, the project proponent would need to apply for the relevant licence/permission required from the respective departments separately. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not have a breakdown of the number of enquiries about organising bazaars, or the number of organisations which submitted applications for holding bazaars, or the number of bazaars successfully held in the past 3 years. In the proposals received by the Government since November 2015, the proposed locations of holding bazaars include Sham Shui Po, Islands District, North District, Eastern District, Yuen Long and Central and Western District. Thus far, bazaars have already been successfully held in some of these districts.

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 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 relevant bureaux/departments. The Department has its established mechanisms for liaison with the relevant bureaux and departments regarding the use of sites for bazaars and for processing applications for holding activities which require a Temporary Places of Public

Entertainment Licence and/or Temporary Food Factory Licence. The arrangements would be kept under review as and when necessary.

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