

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)134****(Question Serial No. 0025)**

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 stalls in public markets (excluding cooked food markets) under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please provide data on the following as at 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017 respectively:

1. number of stalls let out;
2. number of vacant stalls;
3. total number of stalls;
4. vacancy rate.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

		As at 31.12.2016	As at 31.12.2017*
1.	Number of stalls let out	12 647	12 392
2.	Number of vacant stalls [@]	1 270 (971 of which were frozen#)	1 216 (970 of which were frozen#)
3.	Total number of stalls	13 917	13 608
4.	Vacancy rate [@]	9.1%	8.9%

* The information in respect of 2 public markets is not included as they have been closed since 28.2.2018.

@ Vacant stalls/vacancy refer to stalls not let-out. The degree of active trading of let-out stalls varies.

These stalls are frozen for reasons such as forthcoming improvement works.

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