

**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:

With regard to the work of controlling and containing on-street hawking activities and obstruction, please advise:

- whether the Department has compiled a priority list in this respect to deal with the problem at the locations concerned; if yes, the details and the list; if not, the reason(s).
- whether the Department will consider issuing a new type of licence for various new forms of on-street hawking activities, such as street art performances, to facilitate control of such activities; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 36)

Reply:

The Government is committed to implementing a hawker policy which strikes an optimal balance between allowing licensed hawking business to thrive on the one hand and addressing other legitimate concerns such as avoiding unreasonable nuisance to the local community in addition to ensuring food safety, environmental hygiene and public security on the other hand. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts surveys quarterly to identify and update the list of hawker blackspots where unlicensed hawkers congregate. Whether a certain location is classified as a hawker blackspot or not depends on the number of unlicensed hawkers trading at the location at any one time of the day during the surveys. The locations of the existing 45 blackspots are set out at Annex. The Department will continue to adopt the strategies of mobile patrol and raiding to deter illegal hawking activities and to prevent unlicensed hawkers from taking root at these locations. To enhance deterrence, the Department also mounts raiding operations at blackspots to arrest unlicensed hawkers and seize their goods and equipment.

There are no specific laws in Hong Kong that prohibit street performance. Unless the performance involves illegal hawking activities, contravention of regulations related to

public cleansing or use of a place of public entertainment without a licence, the Department does not normally take any action on street performance per se.

**Location of Hawker Blackspots**

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Central and Western	1. The vicinity of Statue Square and Former Legislative Council Building
	2. The vicinity of Charter Garden and Murray Road
	3. Footbridge along Connaught Road Central and its vicinity
Wan Chai	4. Wan Chai Road (between Johnston Road and Cross Street), Tai Yuen Street, Cross Street, Stone Nullah Lane (between Johnston Road and Cross Street) and the vicinity
	5. Bowrington Road (between Hennessy Road and Sharp Street West) and Wan Chai Road (between Canal Road West and Tin Lok Lane)
Eastern	6. Area near Chai Wan Market including the open space outside Walton Estate, Yee Shun Street, Yee Tai Street, Yee Fung Street and the lane in front of Winner Centre
	7. Kam Wa Street area including Mong Lung Street and Tai Tak Street
	8. Marble Road area including North Point MTR Exits, Kam Hong Street, Shu Kuk Street, a section of King's Road between Kam Hong Street and Tin Chiu Street as well as the vicinity of Java Road Market
	9. Chun Yeung Street area including North Point Road, Tong Shui Road, a section of King's Road around Kam Hong Street, and Fortress Hill MTR Exits
	10. Siu Sai Wan area along Siu Sai Wan Road from Bus Terminus up to Fullview Garden
	11. Kut Shing Street and Chai Wan Footbridge outside Chai Wan MTR Station
Southern	12. The streets around Sai Wan Ho Market including Tai On Street and section of Shau Kei Wan Road in front of Tai On Building, the vicinity of Quarry Bay Market including Quarry Bay Footbridge, a section of King's Road between Finnie Street and Hong On Street and outside Aeon area
	13. Pavement between Aberdeen West Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Promenade
Islands	14. The areas in the vicinity of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier and Praya Street, Cheung Chau
	15. The areas at the junction of Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung, Lantau Island

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	16. Nathan Road section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	17. Sai Yeung Choi Street South section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	18. The vicinity of FEHD Mong Kok Market bounded by Nelson Street, Canton Road, Argyle Street and Tong Mi Road
	19. Fa Yuen Street section between Nullah Road and Dundas Street
	20. Sai Yee Street section between Argyle Street and Soy Street
	21. Portland Street section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
Sham Shui Po	22. Tung Chau Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street)
	23. Pei Ho Street (between Un Chau Street and Lai Chi Kok Road)
	24. Kweilin Street (between Apliu Street and Yu Chau Street)
Kowloon City	25. Bulkeley Street (between Gillies Ave South and Dock Street)
Wong Tai Sin	26. Tai Shing Street, Tai Tung Street and its vicinity
	27. Ngau Chi Wan Village and its vicinity
	28. Lung Cheung Road Shatin Pass Road
	29. Lok Fu MTR Station area near Wang Tau Hom East Road and its vicinity
	30. Ching Tak Street and its vicinity
Kwun Tong	31. Tai Yau Street and its vicinity in San Po Kong Industrial Area
	32. Tsun Yip Street/ How Ming Street / Hip Wo Street / Shui Wo Street / Hoi Yuen Road
	33. Footbridges of Telford Plaza linking Kowloon Bay MTR / Ngau Tau Kok Road of Amoy Plaza / Wang Hoi Road
	34. Lam Tin Estate passage way between Tak Tin Street and Ping Tin Street at side of Lam Tin Estate Bus Terminus
Kwai Tsing	35. On Wah Street / On Tak Road / Jordan Valley Road North / Ngau Tau Kok Road adjacent to Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate, Kwun Tong
	36. Sheung Ko Tan Street, Chung Mei Village, Tsing Yi

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuen Mun	37. The vicinity of Sam Shing Estate
	38. Kai Man Path
	39. Mei Lok Lane
Yuen Long	40. Hop Choi Street
North	41. Sheung Shui MTR Station and its vicinity (including surrounding footbridges, Choi Yuen Road and San Wan Road)
	42. Fanling MTR Station and its vicinity (including Fanling Station Road and from adjoining footbridge to Pak Wo Road and Yat Ming Road)
Sha Tin	43. Under flyover between Lung Hang Estate and Sun Chui Estate
	44. Near Fun City, Lek Yuen Street
	45. Mei Tin Road

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