

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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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:

Regarding the work of continuing to take forward the assistance scheme for hawker licensees to improve the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas as mentioned in Programme (3), please advise this Committee of the following:

1. (i) the number of fixed-pitch hawkers approved for the grant and the amount of grant involved; (ii) among the approved applications, the number of cases concerning improvement of hawker stalls' design, relocation of stalls and surrender of licence by hawker licensees, as well as the expenditure involved; and (iii) the number of fixed-pitch hawkers whose applications were rejected by the Department and the reasons involved, in the past 5 financial years;
2. (i) the number of hawkers approved for the grant and the amount of grant involved; (ii) the number of fixed-pitch hawkers whose applications were rejected by Department; (iii) the number of fixed-pitch hawkers who have yet to join the scheme or whose applications are still in progress, by location of hawker areas and type of stalls (cabinet-type fixed pitches, on-street hawker fixed pitches with arrangement of "dismantling of stalls and removal of all commodities after close of business at night"); and
3. the total expenditure and balance (if any) of the scheme to date and the expenditure or estimated expenditure involved for the review on re-issuing hawker licences. Will the Department provide additional funding to further improve the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 93)

Reply:

1. & 2. The information sought in respect of the Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme) is provided at Annexes 1 and 2. No

hawker was rejected by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in the application for grant under the Scheme.

3. As regards the approved commitment of \$230 million for launching the Scheme, as at 28 February 2018, the total expenditure on grant for approved applications is \$195.5 million. The remaining balance of \$34.5 million is expected to be used up upon conclusion of the Scheme. The Department would continue to follow up with the remaining hawker stalls and encourage hawkers to apply for financial assistance under the Scheme for reconstructing their stall structures to meet the required specifications before the Scheme expires in June 2018. In the course of administering the Scheme, the Department would continue to identify areas which could bring about enhancement to the hawking environment, fire safety and environmental hygiene situations. Manpower required for the review on re-issuing hawker licences would be absorbed from within existing resources.

### Applications Approved for the Grant and Amount of Grant Involved in the Past 5 Financial Years

Year		Type			Total
		Number of approved applications for ex-gratia payment	Number of approved applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant	Number of approved applications for in-situ reconstruction grant	
2013-14 (since 3.6.2013)	No. of approved applications	286	101	105	492
	Expenditure required (\$)	34,320,000	5,037,800	4,229,000	43,586,800
2014-15	No. of approved applications	115	228	713	1 056
	Expenditure required (\$)	13,800,000	10,489,000	25,187,000	49,476,000
2015-16	No. of approved applications	163	67	1 181	1 411
	Expenditure required (\$)	19,560,000	2,958,000	43,308,200	65,826,200
2016-17	No. of approved applications	136	20	348	504
	Expenditure required (\$)	16,320,000	883,000	10,747,640	27,950,640
2017-18 (up to 28.2.2018)	No. of approved applications	61	1	32	94
	Expenditure required (\$)	7,320,000	50,000	1,320,000	8,690,000
<b>Total no. of approved applications</b>		<b>761</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>2 379</b>	<b>3 557</b>
<b>Total expenditure required (\$)</b>		<b>91,320,000</b>	<b>19,417,800</b>	<b>84,791,840</b>	<b>195,529,640</b>

**Number of Hawkers Approved for the Grant and Amount of Grant Involved by Location and Type of Stalls (as at 28.2.2018)**

District	Location of Hawker Areas	Cabinet-type Hawker Stalls					Hawker Permitted Places Hawker Stalls				
		No. of hawkers applied for grants <sup>@</sup>	No. of hawkers yet to join	No. of applications still in progress	No. of approved applications	Expenditure required (\$)	No. of hawkers applied for grants	No. of hawkers yet to join	No. of applications still in progress	No. of approved applications	Expenditure required (\$)
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	92	1	0	92	5,270,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Marble Street	120	0	3	117	8,650,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Kam Wa Street	20	10	1	19	907,000	53	28	1	52	2,790,000
	Tai Tak Street	29	4	0	29	2,107,000	2	0	0	2	240,000
	Mong Lung Street	4	0	0	4	240,000	10	0	2	8	860,000
Central & Western	Pottinger Street	45	0	2	43	2,339,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Graham Street	36	0	0	36	2,141,000	20	0	1	19	935,000
	Gage Street	15	0	0	15	920,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Li Yuen Street East	63	0	0	63	3,040,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Li Yuen Street West	58	0	0	58	2,920,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Peel Street	37	0	0	37	2,680,000	7	0	1	6	620,000
	Wing Kut Street	31	0	0	31	1,387,000	2	0	0	2	40,000
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	1	12	594,800	0	0	0	0	0
Wan Chai	Man Wa Lane	32	0	1	31	1,542,900	0	0	0	0	0
	Gresson Street	47	0	0	47	2,787,000	5	0	0	5	200,000
	Cross Street	58	1	1	57	2,477,700	11	0	0	11	320,000
	Tai Yuen Street	5	0	0	5	234,500	71	0	2	69	1,525,000
Yau Tsim	Jardine's Crescent	165	1	0	165	8,944,600	0	0	0	0	0
	Reclamation Street	190	0	5	185	11,150,000	43	0	1	42	2,180,000
	Pak Hoi Street	7	0	0	7	290,000	8	1	0	8	460,000
	Saigon Street	19	0	1	18	1,064,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Canton Road	34	0	3	31	2,890,000	4	0	1	3	260,000
	Bowring Street	100	0	3	97	4,770,000	0	0	0	0	0
Temple Street	35	0	0	35	1,530,000	252 <sup>#</sup>	35 <sup>#</sup>	122 <sup>#</sup>	130 <sup>#</sup>	9,452,324 <sup>#</sup>	

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Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	0	0	0	0	0	688 <sup>#</sup>	1 <sup>#</sup>	445 <sup>#</sup>	243 <sup>#</sup>	20,836,916 <sup>#</sup>
	Canton Road	317	0	9	308	17,196,200	0	0	0	0	0
	Fife Street	34	0	0	34	2,586,800	0	0	0	0	0
	Yin Chong Street	77	1	1	76	4,170,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Ki Lung Street	22	0	3	19	1,820,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Poplar Street	12	0	0	12	1,129,300	0	0	0	0	0
	Fa Yuen Street	219	0	0	219	9,196,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Nelson Street	0	0	0	0	0	43 <sup>#</sup>	20 <sup>#</sup>	28 <sup>#</sup>	15 <sup>#</sup>	1,800,000 <sup>#</sup>
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	5	1	0	5	370,000	66	0	2	64	4,482,000
	Fat Tseung Street	27	0	2	25	1,690,000	20	0	1	19	1,045,000
	Cheung Fat Street	54	0	0	54	3,797,000	11	0	0	11	569,000
	Fuk Wa Street	167	0	7	160	7,527,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Fuk Wing Street	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	39	955,000
	Pei Ho Street	124	0	1	123	5,545,000	29	0	0	29	710,000
	Apliu Street	174	5	1	173	8,260,000	42	0	1	41	950,000
	Ki Lung Street	38	0	0	38	1,810,000	95	0	5	90	2,360,000
	Tai Nan Street	2	0	0	2	150,000	58	1	0	58	1,280,000
	Kweilin Street	0	0	0	0	0	58	1	0	58	1,240,000
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	53	1	2	51	3,295,600	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>		<b>2 580</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2 533</b>	<b>139,419,400</b>	<b>1 637</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>1 024</b>	<b>56,110,240</b>

Remarks :

<sup>@</sup> Applications for grants included ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence and in-situ reconstruction and relocation cum reconstruction of hawker stalls

<sup>#</sup> “Morning set-up, evening dismantle” hawker stalls

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