

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 mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention this year under the Programme that the Department will “issue new hawker licences for trading at suitable vacant fixed pitches”.

- I. Please advise on the number of new hawker licences to be issued this year, with a breakdown by licence type and location;
- II. Please advise on the expected time required for processing a licence application and the procedures and considerations involved;
- III. Please advise on the timetable of the work, the manpower involved and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

- I. As at 31 December 2018, a total of 425 vacant hawker pitches are suitable for the re-allocation exercise. A list of the locations of these pitches is set out at Annex. Commodities permitted to be sold at hawker pitches are mainly dry goods items.
- II-III. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) proposes that vacant hawker pitches suitable for re-allocation are to be apportioned equally among 4 categories of applicants, namely, licensed newspaper hawkers, licensed itinerant hawkers, registered assistants with 5 years or more experience at the same hawker pitch, and members of the general public satisfying certain basic criteria.

The Department will invite applications for re-allocation of vacant hawker pitches and issue of new hawker licences in 2019. Upon receipt of the applications, the Department will vet the applications and check the eligibility of applicants. Random balloting procedure to determine the priority for selection of hawker pitch will then take place. Successful applicants will be invited to select vacant pitches

and we expect to issue the first batch of hawker licences in early 2020. The work is performed by the Department with a team of 12 staff at an estimated annual expenditure of about \$6.7 million.

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Summary of Available Vacant Hawker Pitches for Re-allocation
(Position as at 31.12.2018)

District	Hawker Street	Number of available vacant hawker pitches for re-allocation
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	1
	Marble Road	11
	Kam Wa Street	6
	Tai Tak Street	4
	Sub-total	22
Central and Western	Pottinger Street	3
	Graham Street	6
	Peel Street	4
	Upper Lascar Row	1
	Aberdeen Street	1
	Douglas Lane	1
	Elgin Street	1
	Unnamed lane connecting Pedder Street and Theatre Lane	1
	Gilman's Bazaar	1
	Findlay Road	1
Sub-total	20	
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	7
	Cross Street	2
	Tai Yuen Street	2
	Jardine's Crescent	22
	Wun Sha Street	26
	Sub-total	59
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	21
	Canton Road	14
	Bowring Street	5
	Temple Street	69
	Pitt Street	2
	Sub-total	111

District	Hawker Street	Number of available vacant hawker pitches for re-allocation
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	28
	Canton Road	31
	Fife Street	8
	Yin Chong Street	4
	Ki Lung Street	5
	Poplar Street	3
	Nelson Street	3
	Nam Tau Street	1
	Sub-total	83
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	37
	Fat Tseung Street	6
	Cheung Fat Street	14
	Fuk Wing Street	1
	Pei Ho Street	1
	Apliu Street	4
	Ki Lung Street	2
	Sub-total	65
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	18
	Sub-total	18
Tsuen Wan	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	47
	Sub-total	47
Total		425