

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 “managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars”, please advise on:

- the location, name, year of commissioning, number of stalls that can be accommodated, current number of stalls and vacancy rate of each of the existing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the territory, with a breakdown by district; and
- whether there are plans to close any of the hawker permitted places or hawker bazaars; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 75)

Reply:

1. Information on the number of licensed on-street hawker pitches, number of vacant hawker pitches and relevant vacancy rates in the territory is provided at Annex I.

Information on the name, year of commencement, number of licensed hawker pitches, number of vacant hawker pitches and vacancy rate for each of the hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the territory is provided at Annexes II and III respectively.

2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has no plan to close any of the hawker permitted places. For hawker bazaars, the Department recognises a need to formulate exit plans for bazaars with high vacancy rates to ensure that scarce land resources are released for redevelopment and put to gainful use. It will actively formulate improvement or exit plans for existing hawker bazaars, having regard to their business viability, the needs of the community, resource availability and

competing priorities. Since 2015, the Department has closed Tai Lin Pai Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar, Yu Chau West Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar, Ma Kok Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar and Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar, and is planning to close Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar. The Department will continue to explore whether other hawker bazaars with high vacancy rates can be put to alternative uses. There is no breakdown on the expenditure involved.

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**On-street hawker fixed pitches
(as at December 2018)**

District	Number of on-street fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
	Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Central and Western	559	20	3.5%
Wanchai	417	59	12.4%
Eastern	308	22	6.7%
Southern	29	0	0%
Islands	2	0	0%
Yau Tsim	687	111	13.9%
Mong Kok	1 251	83	6.2%
Sham Shui Po	987	65	6.2%
Kowloon City	93	18	16.2%
Wong Tai Sin	14	0	0%
Kwun Tong	61	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	9	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	16	0	0%
Tuen Mun	17	0	0%
Yuen Long	12	0	0%
North	6	0	0%
Tai Po	6	0	0%
Shatin	1	0	0%
Sai Kung	2	0	0%
Total	4 477	378	7.8%

Note:

- * The figures represent the numbers of on-street hawker pitches (including pitches in Hawker Permitted Places) suitable for re-allocation. They do not include pitches with a higher risk which are unsuitable for setting up stalls, including pitches located within a radial distance of 6 metres in front of building staircase discharge points and within 1.5 metres of fire hydrants/ located at emergency vehicular access, earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations, absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas, and reserved for resite commitments due to other needs.

**Hawker fixed pitches
in hawker permitted places
(as at December 2018)**

District	Serial No.	Hawker Permitted Place	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed-pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
				Licensed [#] (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Eastern	1	Kam Wa Street / Aldrich Street	1981	60	4	6.3%
	2	Mong Lung Street	1981	1	0	0%
	3	Tai Tak Street	1981	0	1	100.0%
Sub-total				61	5	7.6%
Wanchai	4	Gresson Street	1980	4	0	0%
	5	Tai Yuen Street	1980	69	2	2.8%
	6	Cross Street / Sam Pan Street	1991	10	2	16.7%
Sub-total				83	4	4.6%
Central and Western	7	Findlay Road	1999	4	1	20.0%
	8	Chiu Lung Street (East)	1999	9	0	0%
	9	Gilman's Bazaar	1985	3	1	25.0%
	10	Graham Street	1980	14	4	22.2%
	11	MacDonnell Road	1980	1	0	0%
	12	Peel Street	1980	2	4	66.7%
	13	Staunton Street	1980	0	0	0%
	14	Wing Kut Street	1980	2	0	0%
	15	Wing On Street	1980	3	0	0%
Sub-total				38	10	20.8%
Southern	16	Waterfall Bay Park	1980	10	0	0%
Sub-total				10	0	0%
Yau Tsim	17	Reclamation Street	1981	28	6	17.6%
	18	Pak Hoi Street	1981	6	0	0%
	19	Temple Street	1981	202	69	25.5%
	20	Canton Road	1993	1	0	0%
	21	Pitt Street	1994	0	0	0%
Sub-total				237	75	24.0%

District	Serial No.	Hawker Permitted Place	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
				Licensed [#] (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Sham Shui Po	22	Wing Lung Street	1975	35	36	50.7%
	23	Fat Tseung Street	1975	13	5	27.8%
	24	Cheung Fat Street	1975	8	9	52.9%
	25	Apliu Street	1978	41	0	0%
	26	Fuk Wing Street	1993	37	1	2.6%
	27	Kweilin Street	1993	59	0	0%
	28	Ki Lung Street	1993	89	2	2.2%
	29	Pei Ho Street	1993	27	1	3.6%
	30	Tai Nan Street	1993	59	0	0%
Sub-total				368	54	12.8%
Mong Kok	31	Tung Choi Street	1979	497	28	5.3%
	32	Cheung Wong Road	1979	2	0	0%
	33	Nelson Street	1979	43	3	6.5%
	34	Nam Tau Street	1979	1	1	50.0%
Sub-total				543	32	5.6%
Total				1 340	180	11.8%

Note :

[#] All licensed hawker pitches along the subject streets are counted.

* The figures represent the numbers of hawker pitches in Hawker Permitted Places suitable for re-allocation. They do not include pitches with a higher risk which are unsuitable for setting up stalls, including pitches located within a radial distance of 6 metres in front of building staircase discharge points and within 1.5 metres of fire hydrants/located at emergency vehicular access, earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations, absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas, and reserved for resite commitments due to other needs.

**Hawker fixed pitches in
hawker bazaars
(as at December 2018)**

District	Serial No.	Hawker Bazaar [^]	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy Rate
				Licensed	Vacant*	
				(a)	(b)	(b) / ((a)+(b))
Southern	1	Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar	1972	20	4	16.7%
Yau Tsim	2	Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar [#]	1978	0	20	100.0%
	3	Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	4	8	66.7%
	4	Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1984	15	9	37.5%
	5	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone A)	1985	58	0	0.0%
	6	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone B)	1985	288	0	0.0%
Shum Shui Po	7	Yen Chow Street Hawker Bazaar	1978	3	0	0.0%
Kwun Tong	8	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	4	6	60.0%
	9	Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar	2014	119	6	4.8%
Tsuen Wan	10	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	1980	91	47	34.1%
Kwai Tsing	11	Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1972	5	15	75.0%
Tuen Mun	12	Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	1969	4	0	0.0%
Total				611	115	15.8%

Note: [^] Excluding a hawker bazaar closed in March 2019.

* Frozen pitches reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments are excluded.

Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar is temporarily closed for refurbishment.