

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:

Regarding the work of “managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars”, will the Department inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many consultation sessions with the trade, regional forums and public forums have been organised by the Department on the policy of re-allocation of vacant fixed hawker pitches to members of the public?
2. Please set out the number of each category of fixed-pitch hawker licences (with a breakdown by the first, second and third category) which are now available for re-allocation to members of the public and the locations of such hawker pitches.
3. If support from District Councils is obtained, will the Department consider setting up new fixed hawker pitches in other areas, so that members of the public can apply for a fixed-pitch hawker licence and operate at such pitches?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)

Reply:

1. Between March and April 2018, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) reached out to some 7 500 general public applicants who had submitted applications in the 2010 hawker pitch re-allocation exercise but were unsuccessful. Amongst the 3 600 applicants successfully interviewed, over 70% expressed interest in joining the hawking trade if an opportunity arose. In addition, between September and October 2018, 17 meetings were held with the Hawker Management Consultative Committees of 43 hawker areas and relevant trade associations to listen to their views on the proposal to re-allocate the vacant pitches. The Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene discussed the proposal at the meeting on

11 December 2018 and met with deputations at a special meeting on 28 January 2019. The Department also expects to complete the consultation with relevant District Councils (or their committees) in the first half of 2019.

2. The information sought is provided at Annex.
3. The Department's priority task is to expeditiously re-allocate vacant pitches in existing fixed-pitch hawker areas so as to respond to the stakeholders' expectations upon the conclusion of the Hawker Assistance Scheme. We have no plans to set up new hawker areas at the moment.

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

District	Hawker Street	Number of available vacant hawker pitches for re-allocation ^a (by commodity category)		
		Class II ^c /III ^d	Class III ^d	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street ^b	1	0	1
	Marble Road ^b	11	0	11
	Kam Wa Street ^b	6	0	6
	Tai Tak Street ^b	4	0	4
	Sub-total	22	0	22
Central and Western	Pottinger Street ^b	3	0	3
	Graham Street ^b	6	0	6
	Peel Street ^b	4	0	4
	Upper Lascar Row ^b	1	0	1
	Aberdeen Street	1	0	1
	Douglas Lane	1	0	1
	Elgin Street	1	0	1
	Unnamed lane connecting Pedder Street and Theatre Lane	1	0	1
	Gilman's Bazaar	1	0	1
	Findlay Road	0	1	1
Sub-total	19	1	20	
Wan Chai	Gresson Street ^b	7	0	7
	Cross Street ^b	2	0	2
	Tai Yuen Street ^b	2	0	2
	Jardine's Crescent ^b	22	0	22
	Wun Sha Street	26	0	26
	Sub-total	59	0	59
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street ^b	21	0	21
	Canton Road ^b	14	0	14
	Bowring Street ^b	5	0	5
	Temple Street ^b	0	69	69
	Pitt Street	2	0	2
	Sub-total	42	69	111
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street ^b	0	28	28
	Canton Road ^b	31	0	31
	Fife Street ^b	8	0	8
	Yin Chong Street ^b	4	0	4
	Ki Lung Street ^b	5	0	5
	Poplar Street ^b	3	0	3
	Nelson Street ^b	3	0	3
	Nam Tau Street	1	0	1
Sub-total	55	28	83	

District	Hawker Street	Number of available vacant hawker pitches for re-allocation ^a (by commodity category)		
		Class II ^c /III ^d	Class III ^d	Total
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street ^b	37	0	37
	Fat Tseung Street ^b	6	0	6
	Cheung Fat Street ^b	14	0	14
	Fuk Wing Street ^b	1	0	1
	Pei Ho Street ^b	1	0	1
	Apliu Street ^b	4	0	4
	Ki Lung Street ^b	2	0	2
	Sub-total	65	0	65
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street ^b	18	0	18
	Sub-total	18	0	18
Tsuen Wan	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	47	0	47
	Sub-total	47	0	47
	Total	327	98	425

Note:

- ^a The figures include fixed-pitch (other class) only.
- ^b Fixed-pitch hawker area under the Hawker Assistance Scheme.
- ^c Class II: food-related dried goods/preserved foods; fruits; prepacked food and drinks; bread, cakes and confectioneries; Chinese herbs and medicines; etc.
- ^d Class III: non-food related dried goods.