

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)070****(Question Serial No. 1805)**

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 hawker control, please provide the following information:

- I. The number of licences surrendered and newly issued in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by hawker type.
- II. The current number of vacant hawker pitches available for re-allocation, with a breakdown by location.
- III. It was mentioned under this Programme last year that the Department would issue new hawker licences. Please advise on the progress of work, the target this year as well as the manpower and expenditure to be involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

- I. The information sought is provided as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of fixed-pitch hawker licences surrendered<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of fixed-pitch hawker licences newly issued<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>2017</b>	145	115
<b>2018</b>	166	107
<b>2019</b>	68	121

## Remarks:

<sup>1</sup> Including licences voluntarily surrendered by licensees for ex-gratia payment under the Hawker Assistance Scheme, licences temporarily or permanently surrendered for reconstruction works, and licences surrendered due to other reasons (licences surrendered due to death of licensees or transfer are not included).

<sup>2</sup> Including licences issued in the cases of succession to and transfer of hawker licence, newly issued tradesman licences and new licences collected under the Re-allocation of Vacant Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences scheme launched at the end of September 2019.

II. The information sought is provided at Annex.

III. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department launched the scheme of Re-allocation of Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences at the end of September 2019. Under the scheme, 435 vacant fixed hawker pitches located at 7 districts will be open for application by persons who are interested in the hawking business and able to meet the required conditions. Successful applicants will operate at the pitches after a licence is granted. After launching the scheme, the Department received a total of 14 126 applications, of which 12 788 applicants were initially eligible. The Department conducted an open computer random sequencing cum manual ballot exercise to determine the priority order of applicants for pitch selection at the end of November 2019. Applicants have been invited for the selection of vacant pitches starting from early December. As at 29 February 2020, 349 applicants were invited for pitch selection. Among them, 236 have selected the pitches (77 of them have been granted with the fixed pitch hawker licence), 109 have given up pitch selection, and 4 were considered not eligible for the scheme. The pitch selection exercise is scheduled for completion in late April 2020. The work is mainly performed by 12 departmental staff at an estimated expenditure of \$8.04 million in 2020-21.

**Available Vacant Hawker Pitches for Re-allocation under the  
Re-allocation of Vacant Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences Scheme 2019  
(As at 29 February 2020)**

<b>District</b>		<b>Hawker Street/ Hawker Bazaar</b>	<b>Number of available vacant hawker pitches for allocation</b>
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	2
		Unnamed lane connecting Pedder Street and Theatre Lane	1
		Gilman's Bazaar	1
		Findlay Road	2
		Sub-total	22
Wan Chai		Gresson Street	7
		Cross Street	2
		Tai Yuen Street	3
		Jardine's Crescent	22
		Wun Sha Street	26
		Sub-total	60
Yau Tsim Mong	Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	22
		Canton Road	14
		Bowring Street	5
		Temple Street	70
		Pitt Street	2
		Sub-total	113

<b>District</b>		<b>Hawker Street/ Hawker Bazaar</b>	<b>Number of available vacant hawker pitches for allocation</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	29
		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	84
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	51	
	Sub-total	51	
<b>Total</b>			<b>435</b>

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