

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.: 4)

Reply:

1. The number of licensed on-street hawker pitches, and vacant hawker pitches in the territory, and the relevant vacancy rates are provided at Annex I. The name and year of commencement of each hawker permitted place and hawker bazaar in the territory, as well as the number of licensed hawker pitches and vacant pitches therein and the vacancy rate are provided at Annexes II and III.
2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene 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. The Department 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.

On-street hawker fixed pitches
(as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of on-street fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
	Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Central and Western	543	23	4.1%
Wanchai	413	60	12.7%
Eastern	307	22	6.7%
Southern	29	0	0.0%
Islands	2	0	0.0%
Yau Tsim	677	114	14.4%
Mong Kok	1 239	82	6.2%
Sham Shui Po	981	65	6.2%
Kowloon City	91	18	16.5%
Wong Tai Sin	14	0	0.0%
Kwun Tong	57	0	0.0%
Kwai Tsing	9	0	0.0%
Tsuen Wan	16	0	0.0%
Tuen Mun	14	0	0.0%
Yuen Long	11	0	0.0%
North	6	0	0.0%
Tai Po	5	0	0.0%
Shatin	1	0	0.0%
Sai Kung	2	0	0.0%
Total	4 417	384	8.0%

Note:

- *1. 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.
2. Among the 384 vacant hawker pitches, 2 have been released after the launch of the Re-allocation of Vacant Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences scheme at the end of September 2019. For the remaining 382 pitches which are covered by the scheme, 116 pitches have been allocated to applicants who have yet to collect the licence.

Hawker fixed pitches
in hawker permitted places
(as at 31 December 2019)

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	0.0%
	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	3	4.2%
	6	Cross Street / Sam Pan Street	1991	10	2	16.7%
Sub-total				83	5	5.7%
Central and Western	7	Findlay Road	1999	4	2	33.3%
	8	Chiu Lung Street (East)	1999	9	0	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	0.0%
	12	Peel Street	1980	2	4	66.7%
	13	Staunton Street	1980	0	0	0.0%
	14	Wing Kut Street	1980	2	0	0.0%
15	Wing On Street	1980	3	0	0.0%	
Sub-total				38	11	22.4%
Southern	16	Waterfall Bay Park	1980	10	0	0.0%
Sub-total				10	0	0.0%
Yau Tsim	17	Reclamation Street	1981	28	6	17.6%
	18	Pak Hoi Street	1981	6	0	0.0%
	19	Temple Street	1981	199	71	26.3%
	20	Canton Road	1993	1	0	0.0%
	21	Pitt Street	1994	0	0	0.0%
Sub-total				234	77	24.8%

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	14	5	26.3%
	24	Cheung Fat Street	1975	9	9	50.0%
	25	Apliu Street	1978	40	0	0.0%
	26	Fuk Wing Street	1993	37	1	2.6%
	27	Kweilin Street	1993	59	0	0.0%
	28	Ki Lung Street	1993	88	2	2.2%
	29	Pei Ho Street	1993	27	1	3.6%
	30	Tai Nan Street	1993	59	0	0.0%
Sub-total				368	54	12.8%
Mong Kok	31	Tung Choi Street	1979	487	27	5.3%
	32	Cheung Wong Road	1979	2	0	0.0%
	33	Nelson Street	1979	43	3	6.5%
	34	Nam Tau Street	1979	1	1	50.0%
Sub-total				533	31	5.5%
Total				1 327	183	12.1%

Note :

All licensed pitches in the hawker permitted places are counted.

- *1. 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.
2. Among the 183 vacant hawker pitches, 1 has been released after the launch of the Re-allocation of Vacant Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences scheme at the end of September 2019. For the remaining 182 pitches which are covered by the scheme, 46 pitches have been allocated to applicants who have yet to collect the licence.

Hawker fixed pitches in
hawker bazaars
(as at 31 December 2019)

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	19	5	20.8%
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	0	24	100.0%
	5	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone A)	1985	59	0	0.0%
	6	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone B)	1985	284	0	0.0%
Kwun Tong	7	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	3	7	70.0%
	8	Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar	2014	117	8	6.4%
Tsuen Wan	9	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	1980	90	79^	46.7%
Kwai Tsing	10	Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1972	5	15	75%
Tuen Mun	11	Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	1969	4	0	0.0%
Total				585	166	22.1%

Note:

* Excluding Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar which is scheduled to be closed.

Temporarily closed for refurbishment.

^ Among the 79 vacant hawker pitches, 28 have been reserved for resite commitments. For the remaining 51 pitches which are covered by the Re-allocation of Vacant Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences scheme launched at the end of September 2019, 9 pitches have been allocated to applicants who have yet to collect the licence.

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