

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)107****(Question Serial No. 2498)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding “fixed pitch hawkers” under the indicators for “licensed hawkers”, the estimated number in 2020 is higher as compared to the actual number in 2019. It is noted that the Department commenced the re-allocation of 435 vacant fixed hawker pitches and issue of new licences in 2019. What is the current progress in this respect? Please set out the numbers of applicants, applicants granted with licence and successful applicants having abandoned the application, with a breakdown by category of applicants.

	No. of applicants	No. of applicants granted with licence	No. of successful applicants having abandoned the application
Holder of Fixed-Pitch (Newspaper) Hawker Licence			
Holder of Itinerant Hawker Licence (Other Classes/Newspaper)			
Eligible Registered Assistant			
Member of the Public Satisfying Specific Criteria			
Total			

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

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 were invited for selection of vacant pitches in 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 gave up pitch selection, and 4 were considered not eligible for the scheme. The pitch selection exercise is scheduled for completion at the end of April 2020.

The relevant information (as at 29 February 2020) is as follows:

Category of applicants	No. of applicants <sup>1</sup>	No. of applicants who have selected the pitches	No. of applicants granted with the licence	No. of applicants who have yet to collect the licence	No. of successful applicants having abandoned the application
Holder of Fixed-Pitch (Newspaper) Hawker Licence	6	4	2	2	2
Holder of Itinerant Hawker Licence (Other Classes/Newspaper)	24	6	3	3	18
Eligible Registered Assistant	1 313	105	37	68	48
Member of the Public Satisfying Specific Criteria	11 445	121	35	86	41
Total	12 788	236	77	159	109

Note:

<sup>1</sup> Applicants who are initially eligible.

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