

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

For the performance indicator “licensed hawkers”, it is estimated that there will be an increase of 54 fixed-pitch hawker licences and a decrease of 18 itinerant hawker licences in 2021. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) Regarding the number of fixed-pitch hawkers, why is there an increase for 2 consecutive years in respect of the actual number in 2020 and the estimated number in 2021? Please set out the locations of fixed pitches and the manpower for management involved in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by district; and
- 2) It is expected that the number of itinerant hawker licences (including newspaper, frozen confectionery, mobile van and other classes) will be reduced by 18. What is the reason for that? Will there be any cutbacks in the manpower for management accordingly?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

- 1) Regarding the number of licensed fixed-pitch hawkers, the increase in 2020 and the projected increase in 2021 are mainly due to the issue of new licences under the scheme of Re-allocation of Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences launched in September 2019 by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Most of the new licences were issued in 2020 while 28 licences are expected to be issued in 2021. Other reasons for the increase include the newly issued tradesman licences, as well as new licences issued upon completion of the refurbishment works for cooked food bazaars or hawker bazaars. Information on the fixed-pitch hawker licence is provided at Annex I.
- 2) It is expected that the number of itinerant hawker licences (including newspaper, frozen confectionery, mobile van and other classes) may be reduced because of surrender of licences due to death of licensees or other reasons. The staff

establishment involved in hawker control by the Department in the past 3 years was broadly the same. Relevant information is provided at Annex II.

On-street hawker fixed pitches

District	2018 (As at 31 December 2018)	2019 (As at 31 December 2019)	2020 (As at 31 December 2020)
Central and Western	559	543	542
Wan Chai	417	413	465
Eastern	308	307	325
Southern	29	29	29
Islands	2	2	2
Yau Tsim	687	677	764
Mong Kok	1 251	1 239	1 277
Sham Shui Po	987	981	1 038
Kowloon City	93	91	108
Wong Tai Sin	14	14	13
Kwun Tong	61	57	51
Kwai Tsing	9	9	8
Tsuen Wan	16	16	15
Tuen Mun	17	14	14
Yuen Long	12	11	11
North	6	6	7
Tai Po	6	5	5
Shatin	1	1	1
Sai Kung	2	2	2
Total	4 477	4 417	4 677

Hawker fixed pitches in hawker bazaars

District	Serial number	Hawker bazaar	2018 (As at 31 December 2018)	2019 (As at 31 December 2019)	2020 (As at 31 December 2020)
Southern	1	Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar	20	19	20
Yau Tsim	2	Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	0	0	9
	3	Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	4	4	4
	4	Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	15	0	3
	5	Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar ^	346	343	335
Sham Shui Po	6	Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar	3	0	0
Kwun Tong	7	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	4	3	3
	8	Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar #	119	117	5
Tsuen Wan	9	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	91	90	138
Kwai Tsing	10	Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	5	5	4
Tuen Mun	11	Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	4	4	3
Total			611	585	524

^ To make way for the Central Kowloon Route works of the Highways Department, Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone A and Zone B) was relocated to Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar in Shanghai Street, Kowloon in October 2020.

Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar is scheduled to be closed in March 2021.

Manpower involved in hawker control

Financial year	Number of staff
2018-19	2 264
2019-20	2 253
2020-21 (Revised estimate)	2 224

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