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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out the number of applications for hawker licence, the number of hawker licences re-issued and the number of successful applicants who did not collect the hawker licence last year, with a breakdown by the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 122)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department launched the scheme of Re-allocation of Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences (the Scheme) at the end of September 2019. Under the Scheme, 435 vacant fixed hawker pitches located at 7 districts were opened for application by persons who were interested in the hawking business and able to meet the requirements. Successful applicants will operate at the pitches after a licence is granted. The application period was from 30 September to 20 October 2019. As at the close of application, the Department received a total of 14 126 applications, of which 12 788 applicants were 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 the selection of vacant pitches starting from early December 2019.

As at 1 March 2021, 1 104 applicants who were eligible were invited for pitch selection. Among them, 560 have given up pitch selection after being invited to do so, 4 were confirmed to be ineligible for the Scheme, and the remaining 540 have selected the pitches. Of these 540 applicants, 105 did not collect the hawker licences after selecting the pitches and 415 were granted with the hawker licences. The information sought (as at 1 March 2021) is provided in the table below:

District		Number of applicants who have selected the pitches	Number of hawker licences given up by successful applicants	Number of hawker licences granted	Number of hawker licences yet to be collected
Eastern		22	0	22	0
Central and Western		25	3	21	1
Wan Chai		73	13	57	3
Yau Tsim Mong	Yau Tsim	133	40	102	11
	Mong Kok	124	20	79	5
Sham Shui Po		84	19	65	0
Kowloon City		26	8	18	0
Tsuen Wan		53	2	51	0
Total		540	105	415	20

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