

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 Diane WONG)

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 provide 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. Are there plans to close any of the hawker permitted places or hawker bazaars? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

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 hawker pitches therein and the vacancy rate are provided at Annexes II and III respectively.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has no plan to close any of the hawker permitted places. For hawker bazaars, the Department recognises the 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 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. Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar in Kwun Tong was built by the Urban Redevelopment Authority as a transitional measure. The Department is making arrangement for the hawkers of this bazaar to relocate to Yue Man Hawker Bazaar in Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong in the second quarter of 2021. We 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 2020)

District	Number of on-street fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
	Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Central and Western	542	6	1.1%
Wan Chai	465	2	0.4%
Eastern	325	3	0.9%
Southern	29	0	0.0%
Islands	2	0	0.0%
Yau Tsim	764	16	2.1%
Mong Kok	1 277	21	1.6%
Sham Shui Po	1 038	2	0.2%
Kowloon City	108	0	0.0%
Wong Tai Sin	13	0	0.0%
Kwun Tong	51	0	0.0%
Kwai Tsing	8	0	0.0%
Tsuen Wan	15	0	0.0%
Tuen Mun	14	0	0.0%
Yuen Long	11	0	0.0%
North	7	0	0.0%
Tai Po	5	0	0.0%
Shatin	1	0	0.0%
Sai Kung	2	0	0.0%
Total	4 677	50	1.1%

Note:

- *1. The figures represent the numbers of on-street hawker fixed 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. 33 out of the 50 on-street vacant hawker pitches are located in hawker permitted places. Of these 33 pitches, 16 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. As for the remaining 17 pitches which are covered by the scheme, 4 have not been allocated and 13 have been allocated to applicants who have yet to collect the licence.

Hawker fixed pitches
in hawker permitted places
(as at 31 December 2020)

District	Serial number	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	55	0	0%
	2	Mong Lung Street	1981	1	0	0%
	3	Tai Tak Street	1981	0	0	0%
Sub-total				56	0	0%
Wan Chai	4	Gresson Street	1980	4	0	0%
	5	Tai Yuen Street	1980	72	0	0%
	6	Cross Street / Sam Pan Street	1991	12	0	0%
Sub-total				88	0	0%
Central and Western	7	Findlay Road	1999	4	1	20%
	8	Chiu Lung Street (East)	1999	5	0	0%
	9	Gilman's Bazaar	1985	4	0	0%
	10	Graham Street	1980	18	0	0%
	11	MacDonnell Road	1980	1	0	0%
	12	Peel Street	1980	4	0	0%
	13	Staunton Street	1980	0	0	0%
	14	Wing Kut Street	1980	2	0	0%
	15	Wing On Street	1980	2	1	33.3%
Sub-total				40	2	4.8%
Southern	16	Waterfall Bay Park	1980	10	0	0%
Sub-total				10	0	0%
Yau Tsim	17	Reclamation Street	1981	33	0	0%
	18	Pak Hoi Street	1981	6	0	0%
	19	Temple Street	1981	253	16	5.9%
	20	Canton Road	1993	1	0	0%
	21	Pitt Street	1994	0	0	0%
Sub-total				293	16	5.2%

District	Serial number	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	69	1	1.4%
	23	Fat Tseung Street	1975	17	0	0%
	24	Cheung Fat Street	1975	17	0	0%
	25	Apliu Street	1978	40	0	0%
	26	Fuk Wing Street	1993	37	0	0%
	27	Kweilin Street	1993	59	0	0%
	28	Ki Lung Street	1993	89	0	0%
	29	Pei Ho Street	1993	29	0	0%
	30	Tai Nan Street	1993	57	0	0%
Sub-total				414	1	0.2%
Mong Kok	31	Tung Choi Street	1979	491	14	2.8%
	32	Cheung Wong Road	1979	2	0	0%
	33	Nelson Street	1979	46	0	0%
	34	Nam Tau Street	1979	2	0	0%
Sub-total				541	14	2.5%
Total				1 442	33	2.2%

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. Of the 33 vacant hawker pitches located in hawker permitted places, 16 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. As for the remaining 17 pitches which are covered by the scheme, 4 have not been allocated and 13 have been allocated to applicants who have yet to collect the licence.

Hawker fixed pitches in
hawker bazaars
(as at 31 December 2020)

District	Serial no.	Hawker bazaar*	Year of commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy Rate
				Licensed (a)	Vacant (b)	(b) / ((a)+(b))
Southern	1	Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar	1972	20	8	28.6%
Yau Tsim	2	Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1978	9	3	25.0%
	3	Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	4	7	63.6 %
	4	Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar ⁺	1984	3	15	83.3%
	5	Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar [^]	2020	335	14	4.0%
Kwun Tong	6	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	3	7	70.0%
	7	Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar [#]	2014	5	120	96.0 %
Tsuen Wan	8	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	1980	138	31 [©]	18.3 %
Kwai Tsing	9	Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1972	4	16	80.0%
Tuen Mun	10	Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	1969	3	1	25.0%
Total				524	222	29.8%

Note:

- * Excluding Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar which is scheduled to be closed.
- + Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar is temporarily closed for refurbishment.
- [^] To make way for the Central Kowloon Route works of the Highways Department, Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar has been relocated to the Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar in Shanghai Street, Kowloon, which was opened and came into operation in October 2020.
- [#] Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar is scheduled to be closed in March 2021.
- [©] Of the 31 vacant hawker pitches located in hawker bazaars, 3 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, the remaining 28 pitches have been reserved for resite commitments.

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