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<u>Head</u>: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding "fixed pitch hawkers" under the indicator "licensed hawkers", please set out in the tables below the current number of licensed hawkers trading in the following hawker bazaars and fixed-pitch hawker areas respectively.

Number of licensed hawkers trading in hawker bazaars

	Number of
	licensed hawkers
Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar (with cooked food	
hawker stalls inside)	
Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	
Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar	
Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	
(temporarily closed for refurbishment)	
Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	
Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	
(temporarily closed for refurbishment)	
Yen Chow Street Hawker Bazaar	
Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	
Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar (with cooked food hawker	
stall inside)	
Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	
Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar	
Total	

Number of licensed hawkers trading in fixed-pitch hawker areas in the 18 districts across the territory

District	Location of fixed pitches	Number of licensed hawkers

Will the Government consider setting up new fixed-pitch hawker areas (e.g in new towns) to allow members of the public to start their own businesses so as to help rebuild the economy after the pandemic? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The information sought on licensed hawkers is provided at Annexes I and II.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department launched the scheme of Re-allocation of Fixed Hawker Pitches and Issue of New Licences (the Scheme) in 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 required conditions. As at 1 March 2021, some of the successful applicants have yet to collect the licence. Depending on actual circumstances, the Department will consider re-allocation of vacant hawker pitches and issue of new licences.

The Department has no plan to set up new fixed-pitch hawker areas at the moment. However, the Government adopts a positive attitude towards specific bottom-up proposals for organising bazaars. When suitable sites have been identified by relevant organisations (i.e. the venue owners have no in-principle objection to the proposed bazaars being held at their venues at the proposed time slots) and support from local communities has been obtained, provided that the bazaar proposals will not compromise public order and safety, food safety and environmental hygiene, and will not obstruct public passageways, the Department will liaise with relevant bureaux and departments regarding the use of venues for organising bazaars.

Number of licensed hawkers trading in hawker bazaars

Hawker bazaar	Number of licensed hawkers (as at 31 December 2020)
Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar	20
Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	3
Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar#	5
Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar+	9
Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	4
Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar (temporarily closed for refurbishment)	3
Yen Chow Street Hawker Bazaar*	0
Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	138
Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	3
Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	4
Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar [^]	335
Total	524

Remarks:

- # Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar is scheduled to be closed in March 2021.
- + Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar was reopened after completion of refurbishment in October 2020.
- * Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar is scheduled to be closed.
- ^ To make way for the Central Kowloon Route works of the Highways Department, Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar was relocated to the Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar in Shanghai Street, Kowloon, which was opened and came into operation in October 2020.

Number of licensed hawkers in fixed-pitch hawker areas

Eastern N K	Chun Yeung Street Marble Street Kam Wa Street Tai Tak Street Mong Lung Street	(as at 31 December 2020) 73 80 91
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Eastern K	Kam Wa Street Fai Tak Street	91
Eastern	Tai Tak Street	
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N	Mong Lung Street	24
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	Subtotal	272
P	Pottinger Street	38
	Graham Street	48
	Gage Street	10
I	Li Yuen Street East	52
Central and L	Li Yuen Street West	50
Western	Peel Street	27
V	Ving Kut Street	31
	Jpper Lascar Row	12
	Man Wa Lane	31
	Subtotal	299
(Gresson Street	45
	Cross Street	70
Wan Chai T	Tai Yuen Street	76
J	ardine's Crescent	164
	Subtotal	355
F	Reclamation Street	191
P	Pak Hoi Street	13
S	Saigon Street	15
	Canton Road	23
F	Bowring Street	90
	Temple Street	285
	Subtotal	617
Т	Tung Choi Street	491
	Canton Road	273
F	Fife Street	27
	Yin Chong Street	67
	Ki Lung Street	10
_	Poplar Street	7
	Fa Yuen Street	213
	Nelson Street	46
	Subtotal	1 134

District	Location of fixed pitches	Number of licensed hawkers (as at 31 December 2020)
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	73
	Fat Tseung Street	35
	Cheung Fat Street	55
	Fuk Wa Street	155
	Fuk Wing Street	37
	Pei Ho Street	144
	Apliu Street	210
	Ki Lung Street	125
	Tai Nan Street	59
	Kweilin Street	59
	Subtotal	952
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	60
	Subtotal	60
	Total	3 689

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