

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Will there be a review of the licensing policy for itinerant hawkers, and plans regarding bazaars to enable more grassroots citizens to start up their own business and become self-employed? If not, please give the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Administration has reviewed the licensing policy for itinerant hawkers in the overall review of hawker licensing policy. The proposals have been discussed by the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 February and 10 March 2009.

In recent years, members of the public have from time to time proposed the establishment of open-air bazaars rich in local characteristics at suitable sites. We are supportive of such proposals and stand ready to provide appropriate assistance (including licensing assistance) in collaboration with the relevant departments, as long as the identified sites have local support, including that of District Councils, and the proposals meet the requirements on food safety and environmental hygiene.

Signature _____

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