

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 (Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

It is stated in Programme (3) that the work of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department involves managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars. In this connection, please provide this Committee with:

- (a) the number of licensed fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers and registered hawker assistants, as well as the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers in the past 3 years in tabular form, with a breakdown by the 18 districts and trade category;
- (b) the details of hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the past 3 years in tabular form, with a breakdown by the 18 districts; and
- (c) the number of licensed on-street fixed hawker pitches and the relevant vacancy rate in the territory in the past 3 years in tabular form, with a breakdown by the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

- (a) The information on the number of licensed fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers and registered assistants, as well as the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by district and trade category, is provided in Annex 1.
- (b) The information on licensed hawker pitches in hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the territory in the past 3 years is provided in Annexes 2 and 3 respectively.
- (c) The number of licensed on-street fixed hawker pitches in the territory and the relevant vacancy rate in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by district, are provided in Annex 4.

**Number of licensed fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers, registered assistants
and estimated number of unlicensed hawkers
(as at 31 December 2022)**

| | | Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | | | | | | | | | New Territories and Islands | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | Central and Western | Wan Chai | Eastern | Southern | Yau Tsim Mong | Sham Shui Po | Kowloon City | Wong Tai Sin | Kwun Tong | Kwai Tsing | Tsuen Wan | Tuen Mun | Yuen Long | North | Tai Po | Sha Tin | Sai Kung | Islands |
| Fixed pitch hawker licence | Barber | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bootblack | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Cooked food / Light refreshment | 9 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| | Newspaper | 49 | 39 | 30 | 4 | 89 | 19 | 16 | 8 | 25 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | Tradesman | 63 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 45 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Wall stall | 21 | 18 | 8 | 13 | 110 | 45 | 23 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Other classes | 374 | 382 | 266 | 28 | 2 052 | 929 | 55 | 0 | 112 | 0 | 146 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Itinerant hawker licence | Frozen confectionery | 31 | | | | | | | | | 29 | | | | | | | | |
| | Mobile van | 8 | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| | Newspaper | 1 | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | Other classes | 100 | | | | | | | | | 129 | | | | | | | | |
| Registered hawker assistants | | 491 | 588 | 356 | 47 | 1 945 | 1 146 | 88 | 14 | 182 | 10 | 123 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Estimated number of unlicensed hawkers | | 149 | 9 | 60 | 29 | 144 | 70 | 55 | 6 | 53 | 44 | 6 | 50 | 59 | 11 | 2 | 43 | 5 | 9 |

**Number of licensed fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers, registered assistants
and estimated number of unlicensed hawkers
(as at 31 December 2023)**

| | | Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | | | | | | | | | New Territories and Islands | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|
| | | Central and Western | Wan Chai | Eastern | Southern | Yau Tsim Mong | Sham Shui Po | Kowloon City | Wong Tai Sin | Kwun Tong | Kwai Tsing | Tsuen Wan | Tuen Mun | Yuen Long | North | Tai Po | Sha Tin | Sai Kung | Islands |
| Fixed pitch hawker licence | Barber | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bootblack | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Cooked food / Light refreshment | 9 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| | Newspaper | 47 | 38 | 28 | 3 | 85 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 26 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | Tradesman | 61 | 14 | 10 | 0 | 42 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Wall stall | 20 | 17 | 8 | 13 | 105 | 41 | 23 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Other classes | 360 | 374 | 265 | 26 | 1 994 | 916 | 54 | 0 | 112 | 0 | 142 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Itinerant hawker licence | Frozen confectionery | 24 | | | | | | | | | 28 | | | | | | | | |
| | Mobile van | 8 | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| | Newspaper | 1 | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | Other classes | 89 | | | | | | | | | 114 | | | | | | | | |
| Registered hawker assistants | | 478 | 585 | 361 | 48 | 1 898 | 1 130 | 86 | 13 | 178 | 8 | 123 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Estimated number of unlicensed hawkers | | 159 | 9 | 51 | 35 | 142 | 35 | 50 | 6 | 92 | 42 | 3 | 43 | 68 | 14 | 11 | 28 | 6 | 10 |

**Number of licensed fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers, registered assistants
and estimated number of unlicensed hawkers
(as at 31 December 2024)**

| | | Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | | | | | | | | | New Territories and Islands | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|
| | | Central and Western | Wan Chai | Eastern | Southern | Yau Tsim Mong | Sham Shui Po | Kowloon City | Wong Tai Sin | Kwun Tong | Kwai Tsing | Tsuen Wan | Tuen Mun | Yuen Long | North | Tai Po | Sha Tin | Sai Kung | Islands |
| Fixed pitch hawker licence | Barber | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bootblack | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Cooked food / Light refreshment | 9 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| | Newspaper | 39 | 35 | 27 | 2 | 80 | 17 | 14 | 6 | 23 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | Tradesman | 61 | 14 | 10 | 0 | 40 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Wall stall | 18 | 17 | 8 | 12 | 100 | 39 | 21 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Other classes | 346 | 363 | 262 | 23 | 1 903 | 898 | 52 | 0 | 109 | 0 | 130 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Itinerant hawker licence | Frozen confectionery | 18 | | | | | | | | | 23 | | | | | | | | |
| | Mobile van | 8 | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| | Newspaper | 1 | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | Other classes | 70 | | | | | | | | | 107 | | | | | | | | |
| Registered hawker assistants | | 452 | 579 | 357 | 46 | 1 821 | 1 107 | 84 | 11 | 178 | 7 | 115 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Estimated number of unlicensed hawkers | | 162 | 12 | 50 | 26 | 104 | 21 | 45 | 2 | 65 | 31 | 5 | 47 | 74 | 3 | 9 | 27 | 6 | 9 |

Fixed hawker pitches in hawker permitted places

| District | Serial number | Hawker permitted place | Number of licensed fixed pitches* (as at 31 December each year) | | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--|-------|-------|
| | | | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Eastern | 1 | Kam Wa Street / Aldrich Street | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| | 2 | Mong Lung Street | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sub-total | | | 61 | 61 | 61 |
| Wan Chai | 3 | Gresson Street | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| | 4 | Tai Yuen Street | 71 | 71 | 69 |
| | 5 | Cross Street / Sam Pan Street | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Sub-total | | | 86 | 86 | 84 |
| Central and Western | 6 | Findlay Road | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| | 7 | Chiu Lung Street (East) | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| | 8 | Gilman's Bazaar | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| | 9 | Graham Street | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| | 10 | Peel Street | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| | 11 | Wing Kut Street | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | 12 | Wing On Street | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sub-total | | | 40 | 39 | 35 |
| Southern | 13 | Waterfall Bay Park | 10 | 9 | 6 |
| Sub-total | | | 10 | 9 | 6 |
| Yau Tsim | 14 | Reclamation Street | 32 | 31 | 31 |
| | 15 | Pak Hoi Street | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| | 16 | Temple Street | 231 | 215 | 190 |
| | 17 | Canton Road | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sub-total | | | 270 | 253 | 228 |
| Sham Shui Po | 18 | Wing Lung Street | 45 | 70 | 67 |
| | 19 | Fat Tseung Street | 16 | 17 | 17 |
| | 20 | Cheung Fat Street | 16 | 17 | 17 |
| | 21 | Apliu Street | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| | 22 | Fuk Wing Street | 37 | 36 | 36 |
| | 23 | Kweilin Street | 58 | 58 | 57 |
| | 24 | Ki Lung Street | 84 | 86 | 83 |
| | 25 | Pei Ho Street | 26 | 29 | 27 |
| | 26 | Tai Nan Street | 55 | 55 | 54 |
| Sub-total | | | 377 | 408 | 398 |
| Mong Kok | 27 | Tung Choi Street | 484 | 462 | 432 |
| | 28 | Cheung Wong Road | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | 29 | Nelson Street | 44 | 45 | 42 |
| | 30 | Nam Tau Street | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sub-total | | | 531 | 510 | 477 |
| Total | | | 1 375 | 1 366 | 1 289 |

*Note: Excluding vacant pitches.

Fixed hawker pitches in hawker bazaars

| District | Hawker bazaar⁽¹⁾ | Number of licensed fixed pitches⁽²⁾ (as at 31 December each year) | | |
|-----------------|---|---|----------------|----------------|
| | | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Southern | Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar | 20 | 19 | 19 |
| Yau Tsim | Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| | Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| | Yau Ma Tei Temporary Jade Hawker Bazaar | 316 | 309 | 297 |
| Kwun Tong | Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar ⁽³⁾ | 2 | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| | Yue Man Hawker Bazaar | 112 | 112 | 109 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar | 146 | 142 | 130 |
| Kwai Tsing | Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar ⁽³⁾ | 4 | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Tuen Mun | Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | | 625 | 609 | 582 |

Note:

- (1) Excluding Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar and Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar which were closed in the third quarter of 2022 and the first quarter of 2023 respectively.
- (2) Excluding vacant pitches.
- (3) Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar in Kwai Tsing District and Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar in Kwun Tong District were closed in July 2023 and September 2023 respectively.

**On-street fixed hawker pitches
(as at 31 December 2022)**

| District | Number of on-street fixed pitches | | Vacancy rate (b) / [(a) + (b)] |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Licensed (a) | Vacant* (b) | |
| Central and Western | 523 | 3 | 0.6% |
| Wan Chai | 460 | 2 | 0.4% |
| Eastern | 314 | 4 | 1.3% |
| Southern | 27 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Islands | 2 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 991 | 58 | 2.8% |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 019 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Kowloon City | 96 | 1 | 1.0% |
| Wong Tai Sin | 13 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Kwun Tong | 58 | 2 | 3.3% |
| Kwai Tsing | 9 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Tsuen Wan | 22 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Tuen Mun | 13 | 3 | 18.8% |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 0 | 0.0% |
| North | 6 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Tai Po | 5 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Sha Tin | 5 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Sai Kung | 2 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 4 575 | 73 | 1.6% |

Note:

- *1. The figures do not include pre-existing pitches that are no longer suitable for setting up stalls (such as those 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), as well as pitches to be cancelled due to rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas or reserved for reasons such as resite commitments due to other needs.
- *2. Of the 73 on-street vacant hawker pitches, 11 have been selected by applicants who have yet to collect the licence.

**On-street fixed hawker pitches
(as at 31 December 2023)**

| District | Number of on-street fixed pitches | | Vacancy rate (b) / [(a) + (b)] |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Licensed (a) | Vacant [#] (b) | |
| Central and Western | 504 | 5 | 1.0% |
| Wan Chai | 449 | 6 | 1.3% |
| Eastern | 311 | 5 | 1.6% |
| Southern | 25 | 0 | 0% |
| Islands | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 927 | 91 | 4.5% |
| Sham Shui Po | 990 | 1 | 0.1% |
| Kowloon City | 93 | 2 | 2.1% |
| Wong Tai Sin | 9 | 0 | 0% |
| Kwun Tong | 50 | 0 | 0% |
| Kwai Tsing | 7 | 0 | 0% |
| Tsuen Wan | 13 | 0 | 0% |
| Tuen Mun | 9 | 3 | 25% |
| Yuen Long | 8 | 0 | 0% |
| North | 6 | 0 | 0% |
| Tai Po | 4 | 0 | 0% |
| Sha Tin | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Sai Kung | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 4 409 | 113 | 2.5% |

[#] The figures do not include pre-existing pitches that are no longer suitable for setting up stalls (such as those 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), as well as pitches to be cancelled due to rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas or reserved for reasons such as resite commitments due to other needs.

**On-street fixed hawker pitches
(as at 31 December 2024)**

| District | Number of on-street fixed pitches | | Vacancy rate (b) / [(a) + (b)] |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Licensed (a) | Vacant [#] (b) | |
| Central and Western | 480 | 6 | 1.2% |
| Wan Chai | 435 | 14 | 3.1% |
| Eastern | 307 | 5 | 1.6% |
| Southern | 20 | 0 | 0% |
| Islands | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 836 | 165 | 8.2% |
| Sham Shui Po | 967 | 16 | 1.6% |
| Kowloon City | 89 | 5 | 5.3% |
| Wong Tai Sin | 8 | 0 | 0% |
| Kwun Tong | 47 | 0 | 0% |
| Kwai Tsing | 7 | 0 | 0% |
| Tsuen Wan | 13 | 0 | 0% |
| Tuen Mun | 8 | 0 | 0% |
| Yuen Long | 7 | 0 | 0% |
| North | 6 | 0 | 0% |
| Tai Po | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Sha Tin | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Sai Kung | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 4 236 | 211 | 4.7% |

[#] The figures do not include pre-existing pitches that are no longer suitable for setting up stalls (such as those 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), as well as pitches to be cancelled due to rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas or reserved for reasons such as resite commitments due to other needs.