

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars
Information and statistics related to hawker and hawker stall

As requested, the Government provides the following information –

1. Please provide the monthly statistics since the implementation of the Hawker Assistance Scheme

To reduce the fire risks posed by on-street hawking activities, the Government has implemented a five-year Hawker Assistance Scheme (“the Scheme”) for licensed hawkers in 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas. Apart from relocating those hawker stalls situated directly in front of staircase discharge points of buildings or obstructing emergency vehicular access, we also provide a one-off grant to hawkers who are not required to relocate their stalls under the above arrangements for carrying partial or full reconstruction of their stalls in-situ to meet the prescribed fire-resisting specifications. Hawkers who opt for voluntary surrender of their hawker licences to the Government will be paid an ex-gratia payment. This helps expedite the release of vacant pitches and facilitates the relocation of stalls which pose higher fire risks.

Some hawkers have taken this opportunity to reconstruct their hawker stall structures for attaining a higher fire safety standard. At the same time, this enhances the functionality and appearance of their stalls and improve the overall layout and design of individual hawker areas. These also help enhance their operating environment. Some large hawker areas, e.g. Fa Yuen Street in Mong Kok, Apliu Street in Sham Shui Po and Jardine’s Crescent in Wan Chai, have undergone a major revamp of hawker stalls. Please see Annex for the figures in connection with the implementation of the Scheme.

2. Please provide the plan and timetable for re-issue of hawker licences in respect of the vacant fixed pitches arising from the scheme

Under the Scheme, when hawkers surrender the licences and vacate the respective pitches, they will be granted an ex-gratia payment. The vacated pitches were used for relocating hawker stalls in front of

staircase discharge points of buildings or obstructing the operation of emergency vehicles. In the process, the Department would also rationalise the layout of pitches in the hawker areas, bringing about a face-lift to the environment. We are monitoring closely the implementation of the relocation plans and the availability of vacant pitches, and consider the optimal time for conducting a review on whether or not to issue new on-street fixed-pitch hawker licences. During the review, we will take into account the circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Councils and local residents.

3. Please provide the prosecution figures respectively for illegal hawkers and licenced hawkers for the past 5 years

For the past 5 years from 2012 to 2016, the number of prosecution cases for illegal hawkers and licenced hawkers respectively under FEHD are set out in the table below –

Year	Number of prosecution	
	Illegal Hawkers	Licensed Hawkers
2012	27 457	6 088
2013	29 243	4 798
2014	26 025	5 183
2015	23 054	4 493
2016	15 310	3 787

4. Please advise on the expenditure and manpower in respect of the Hawker Control Team under Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

The Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department comprises about 2 200 staff, and is responsible for hawker management and control. The estimated expenditure in 2016-17 is \$1,073 million.

5. Please provide the number of registered assistant for fixed pitch hawkers per district

The number of registered assistants for fixed pitch hawkers by districts is set out in the table below–

District	No. of Registered Assistants
Central / Western	552
Wan Chai	572
Eastern	381
Southern	57
Island	3
Yau Tsim	1 081
Mong Kok	1 040
Shum Shui Po	1 139
Kowloon City	112
Wong Tai Sin	33
Kwun Tong	215
Kwai Tsing	22
Tsuen Wan	146
Tuen Mun	26
Yuen Long	19
North	14
Tai Po	9
Shatin	22
Sai Kung	1
Total	5 444

6. Please provide information on hawker licences by category and number

As at 31 December 2016, the number of fixed-pitch hawker licences and itinerant hawker licences were 5 496 and 415 respectively (i.e. a total of 5 911). Details of breakdown by categories of licences are set out in the table below –

Category of Licence	Number of Fixed-Pitch Hawker Licences	Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences
Bootblack	7	-
Cooked Food or light refreshment	161	-
Newspaper	417	2
Tradesman	166	-
Barber	29	-
Wall Stall	309	-
Fixed-pitch hawker licence (other classes)	4 407	-
Frozen Confectionery itinerant hawker licences	-	64
Mobile Van	-	15
itinerant hawker licences (other classes)	-	334
Total	5 496	415

**Statistics of the Hawker Assistance Scheme
for Licensed Hawkers in the 43 Fixed-Pitch Hawker Areas
(From 3.6.2013 to 31.12.2016)**

As at	Hawker Stalls*	No. of Applications for Ex-gratia Payment (EGP)	No. of Application for Relocation cum Re-construction Grant (RcR)	No. of Applications for In-situ Re-construction Grant (IRG)	Take-up Rate	No. of Re-constructed Stalls [#]	Percentage of Re-constructed Stalls [#]
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	[(e) = (b+c+d)/a]	(f)	[(g) = (f)/(a-b)]
Dec 2013 [@]	4 335	230	106	79	9.6%	17	0.4%
Dec 2014 [@]	4 335	368	322	738	32.9%	356	9.0%
Dec 2015 [@]	4 332	538	382	1 823	63.3%	1 445	38.1%
Jan 2016	4 330	555	386	1 891	65.4%	1 532	40.6%
Feb 2016	4 329	560	388	1 952	67.0%	1 561	41.4%
Mar 2016	4 328	582	393	2 052	69.9%	1 655	44.2%
Apr 2016	4 325	594	397	2 072	70.8%	1 738	46.6%
May 2016	4 325	615	399	2 107	72.2%	1 845	49.7%
Jun 2016	4 324	627	399	2 131	73.0%	1 960	53.0%
Jul 2016	4 319	642	400	2 140	73.7%	2 084	56.7%
Aug 2016	4 319	653	400	2 349	78.8%	2 238	61.0%
Sep 2016	4 319	677	410	2 399	80.7%	2 303	63.2%
Oct 2016	4 319	692	410	2 402	81.1%	2 377	65.5%
Nov 2016	4 324	702	411	2 409	81.5%	2 438	67.3%
Dec 2016	4 324	708	412	2 412	81.7%	2 508	69.4%

Note:

* The number of hawker stalls has been adjusted taking into account the death of licensees/ licences surrendered but licensees are not eligible for ex-gratia payment/ relocation of hawker stalls/ succession of licences

Included (1) no. of hawker stalls pending compliance check; and (2) no. of hawker stalls reconstructed at the hawker's own expense

@ No monthly statistics available from June 2013 to December 2015