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Clerk to LegCo Panel on
Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Legislative Council Complex
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Dear Ms Leung,

LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

**Matters Relating to
Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences**

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2014 relaying the views expressed by a member of the public on the captioned subject and requesting a response from us. I am authorised to reply as follows.

In 2008-09, the Government conducted a comprehensive review on hawker licensing policy, including examining the feasibility of re-issuing new hawker licences without compromising environmental hygiene. Following the consultation, the Government implemented a number of measures in response to calls to preserve and revitalise the hawking trade. They included the issuing of 61 new itinerant (frozen

confectionery) hawker (commonly known as “small ice-cream vendors”) licences¹, which was completed in April 2012. It is worth noting that as at the end of 2013, 16 holders of these newly issued licences have voluntarily surrendered their licences or have not had them renewed.

The Subcommittee on Hawker Policy under the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene had a meeting on 15 April 2014. At the meeting, the Administration reported to the Subcommittee on the re-issuing of itinerant (frozen confectionery) hawker licences after the hawker licensing policy review in 2008-09.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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for Secretary for Food and Health

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¹ Other measures include merging over 600 back-row vacant fixed pitches with front-row pitches to provide a larger trading area for licensees, and issuing new fixed-pitch licences to over 200 persons to trade in vacant pitches. Details could be found in the paper (ref.: LC Paper No. CB(2)2153/10-11(01)) discussed at the meeting of the Panel on 28 June 2011.