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Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

**Minutes of special meeting
held on Monday, 28 January 2019, at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** :
- Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Chairman)
 - Hon SHIU Ka-fai (Deputy Chairman)
 - Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
 - Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
 - Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
 - Hon Claudia MO
 - Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
 - Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
 - Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
 - Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
 - Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
 - Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
 - Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
 - Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
 - Hon CHU Hoi-dick
 - Hon HO Kai-ming
 - Hon SHIU Ka-chun
 - Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
 - Dr Hon Pierre CHAN
 - Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
 - Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
 - Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
 - Hon AU Nok-hin
 - Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH
 - Hon CHAN Hoi-yan
- Members absent** :
- Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
 - Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
 - Hon HUI Chi-fung

**Public Officers : The Administration
attending**

Dr CHUI Tak-yi, JP
Under Secretary for Food and Health

Miss Irene CHEUNG Hoi-ying
Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Food) 7

Miss Diane WONG Shuk-han
Deputy Director (Environmental Hygiene)
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr Edward CHAN Yiu-keung
Assistant Director (Operations) 2
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms Rhonda LO Yuet-yee
Coordinator (Hawker Assistance Scheme)
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

**Attendance : Item I
by invitation**

Individual

LEUNG Kwok-hung

Federation of Hong Kong Kowloon New Territories Hawker
Associations

Mr CHAN Kam-wing
常務副主席兼街道委員會主席

Hong Kong and Kowloon Merchants and Hawkers Association

Miss NG Ting-yan
Director

Jardines Crescent Merchant Association

Mr LAU Kai-ming
Chairman

Concern Group for Hawkers' Right in Wan Chai's Cross
Street and Tai Yuen Street

Ms LEUNG Fung-lee
Convener

Fuk Wa Street Hawkers Merchant Association

Ms CHAN Mei-shuen
Chairman

Individual

Ms Brenda CHENG So-ngor

Association Hong Kong and Kowloon Licensed Hawkers

Mr WOO Kam-hong
Chairman

Individual

Mr CHING Kin-wai

Individual

Mr CHAN Mun-fu

Individual

Mr WONG Siu-keung

Coalition of Hong Kong Newspaper and Magazine Merchants

Mr LIU Sair-ching
Chairperson

The Civic Party

Mr Henry SIN Ho-fai
District Developer of the New Territories West

Supporting Grassroots' Bazaar Alliance

Mr CHEUNG Yin
Project Officer

Community March

Mr LEE Kwok-kuen
Tai Nan Community Organizer

Concern Group for Revival of Food Bazaar Culture

Miss Janis FAN Pui-ying
Community Organizer

Individual

Ms LAU Ka-sin

Individual

Ms CHUNG Choi-wan

Individual

Mr LEUNG Ming-yu

Liberal Party

Mr Roger HO
Central Committee Member

Individual

Mr Andrew LEE

Wan Chai Tai Fat Hau Hawkers Merchants Association

Mr WU Kwok-fung
Representative

Apliu Street Hawkers Merchant Association

Ms XA Shuk-ying
Secretary

Bowring Street Merchants and Hawkers Association

Mr TAM Yun-wah
Chairman

Fa Yuen Street Hawkers Association

Mr CHAN Tak-lung
Secretary General

Hong Kong Newspaper Hawker Association

Mr LAM Cheung-foo
Operation Director

Individual

Mr YEUNG Man-keung

Clerk in attendance : Miss Josephine SO
Chief Council Secretary (2) 2

Staff in attendance : Mr Clement HAU
Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Cally LAI
Legislative Assistant (2) 2

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- I. Issues relating to the proposed arrangements for re-allocation of vacant hawker pitches**
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)CB(2)439/18-19(01), CB(2)588/18-19(01) to (03), CB(2)528/18-19(02) and CB(2)383/18-19(03))

Presentation of views by deputations/individuals

The Chairman reminded the deputations attending the meeting that they were not covered by the protection and immunity provided under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) when addressing the Panel. At the invitation of the Chairman, a total of 27 deputations/individuals presented their views. A summary of the deputations' views is in the **Appendix**. Members also noted that five written submissions from organizations/individuals not attending the meeting were received by the Panel.

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The Administration's responses to deputations' views

2. Under Secretary for Food and Health ("USFH") and Deputy Director (Environmental Hygiene), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("DD(EH)/FEHD") gave the following responses:

- (a) in response to the fire outbreaks at the Fa Yuen Street hawker area in 2010 and 2011, the Administration implemented a series of measures to reduce the fire risks posed by on-street hawking activities, including launching the five-year assistance scheme for the licensed hawkers operating in 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas in the territory ("the Hawker Assistance Scheme"). In taking forward the Hawker Assistance Scheme, 854 vacant hawker pitches were released as a result of the surrender of hawker licences for ex-gratia payment ("EGP"). Excluding those pitches with a higher risk which were unsuitable for setting up stalls, earmarked to accommodate stalls that required relocation due to fire safety considerations, and absorbed in the course of rationalization of the overall layout of hawker areas, 237 vacant hawker pitches were suitable for re-allocation;
- (b) some of the vacated pitches were not suitable for re-allocation due to reasons such as road safety concerns, improvement to address obstruction to passageways/roads, environmental hygiene considerations, as well as pitches being situated in private areas. Apart from the afore-mentioned 237 hawker pitches vacated under the Hawker Assistance Scheme that were available for re-allocation, outside the hawker areas there were also 186 pitches that had been vacated due to other reasons. In sum, a total of 423 vacant pitches, which had fire and electrical safety improved, were now suitable for re-allocation;
- (c) the Administration proposed to apportion the 423 vacant pitches equally among four categories of applicants, namely (i) licensed newspaper hawkers, (ii) licensed itinerant hawkers, (iii) registered assistants with five years' or more experience and (iv) members of the general public satisfying some basic criteria. The Administration's intention was to provide the four categories of applicants with a reasonable opportunity to enter the hawking trade by putting in place a fair and impartial pitch allocation mechanism;
- (d) application for allocation of vacant hawker pitches was meant to be voluntary. It would be up to the 390 licensed newspaper hawkers and 310 licensed itinerant hawkers to consider whether

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to lodge an application in the upcoming exercise, or to continue their existing business under their respective licences;

- (e) between March and April 2018, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") had reached out to some 7 500 general public applicants who had submitted applications in the 2010 hawker pitch re-allocation exercise but were unsuccessful. Amongst the 3 600 applicants who had responded, over 70% expressed interest in joining the hawking trade if an opportunity arose. This indicated that a critical mass of general public applicants who had participated in the 2010 exercise would likely lodge an application in the upcoming exercise, not to mention others (potential general public applicants outside the above-mentioned pool) who might also be interested in joining the hawker trade if an opportunity arose;
- (f) the Administration was aware of the aspiration of registered assistants. Yet, it had been a policy made known to the hawker trade that registered assistants were assistants to their hawker licensees. The employment relationship between registered assistant and his/her hawker licensee was fundamentally private between the two parties. The only purpose of the hawker registration system was to differentiate those assistants employed by licensed hawkers to assist in the business from others to avoid them being prosecuted for unlicensed hawking when the hawker licensees could not personally attend to the hawking activity at the pitches concerned due to reasonable cause. The implementation of the registration system was purely enforcement-based. The Administration did not acknowledge the status of assistants as equivalent to hawkers. As the licensing authority, the Administration did not accept that in allocating hawker pitches, which were public resources, assistants employed by licensed hawkers should be treated differently from members of the public who were also non-licensed hawkers and interested in joining the trade. It should be noted that the current proposal of setting aside one-fourth of the suitable hawker pitches to registered assistants with five years' or more experience would give them a greater chance of being allocated a pitch, when compared with the chance of success of the general public;
- (g) the Administration was also considering specifying a licence operation validity period for new hawker licences, thereby facilitating the turnover of vacant hawker pitches, promoting healthy turnover of hawker licences, allowing admission of new

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traders and creating more opportunity for anyone interested in joining the trade. The proposed validity period (say five years) served merely as a starting point for discussion. The Administration would continue to listen to stakeholders' views before taking a decision on the matter; and

- (h) both the sentiments of the hawking trade and views of the general public would be taken into account and properly balanced in the design of the pitch allocation mechanism. The Administration would consult the seven District Councils ("DCs") with fixed pitches to be re-allocated on the proposed arrangements for re-allocation of vacant hawker pitches before finalizing the allocation mechanism with an aim to taking forward the re-allocation in the third quarter of 2019.

Discussion

Proposed re-allocation of vacant hawker pitches

3. The Deputy Chairman, Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and Ms CHAN Hoi-yan wondered if licensed newspaper hawkers would be interested in applying for allocation of vacant hawker pitches in hawker areas (such as Temple Street) for continued operation under a different mode which might be a challenge for some of the newspaper hawkers. The Deputy Chairman said that to his understanding, some licensed newspaper hawkers preferred to surrender their licences in exchange for an EGP. The Deputy Chairman, Dr QUAT, Dr CHIANG, Ms CHAN and Mr LIU Sair-ching, Coalition of Hong Kong Newspaper and Magazine Merchants held the view that since the business of many newspaper hawkers was declining, the Administration should consider relaxing the restriction on the types of additional/sideline commodities allowed to be sold by licensed newspaper hawkers at newspaper stalls.

4. DD(EH)/FEHD responded that over the years, in response to the concern of the trade that printed media were facing enormous competition from other forms of media (notably the electronic media) as well as paid newspapers were undercut by free newspapers, and to facilitate shoppers of convenience goods, the Administration had relaxed the restriction on the types of additional commodities allowed to be sold at newspaper stalls. At present, on-street fixed-pitch newspaper hawkers were allowed to sell 12 additional commodities, mostly convenience goods, at their stalls. Permitting more sideline items to be sold at newspaper stalls for sustaining business income of licensed newspaper hawkers would not only cause adverse impact on street obstruction problem, but also pose unfair competition to neighbouring retailers. DD(EH)/FEHD added that

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"food-related dry goods" and "non-food related dry goods", which covered a wide variety of commodities, were allowed to be sold by licensed fixed-pitch hawkers. Licensed newspaper hawkers might, if successful in their application and after being allocated a fixed pitch, switch to sell other permitted classes of commodities in the respective fixed pitches. Licensed newspaper hawkers were free to decide whether to apply for allocation of vacant hawker pitches, having regard to their own needs. In a bid to facilitate the allocation process, the Administration would consider allowing applicants to indicate in their application forms their preference for pitches in specific hawker areas or districts.

5. The Deputy Chairman held the view that instead of apportioning the suitable pitches equally among four categories of applicants, more vacant pitches should be set aside for allocation to experienced registered assistants, as this group of applicants could apply their experience gained from the past several years of operation more readily in the hawking business, which in turn would help enhance the vibrancy of the hawker areas. His view was shared by Ms Claudia MO, Mr Vincent CHENG and Ms CHAN Hoi-yan as well as several deputations attending the meeting.

6. DD(EH)/FEHD responded that there were about 2 590 registered assistants with five years' or more experience, apart from the respective numbers of potential applicants under the other three categories as mentioned earlier at the meeting. Given the limited number of vacant hawker pitches suitable for re-allocation, the pitch allocation mechanism must be fair and impartial, with all eligible persons being given a reasonable opportunity to enter the trade. DD(EH)/FEHD stressed that the Administration aimed to work out a mechanism that could balance the interests of various parties. It would also work out a proposal if any suitable pitches under the respective quotas for the various categories were not taken up by a particular category of applicants.

7. The Deputy Chairman said that licensed itinerant hawkers might prefer continuing hawking on the streets over being relocated to hawker areas, as the former could provide flexibility for hawkers to run their business. DD(EH)/FEHD responded that licensed itinerant hawkers could choose to continue their business under their existing licences instead of applying for allocation of hawker pitches. As regards the issue of EGP, the option of surrendering their licences in exchange for a one-off EGP had expired on 31 December 2012.

8. Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Dr CHIANG Lai-wan sought details about the pitch allocation mechanism. In response, DD(EH)/FEHD and Coordinator (Hawker Assistance Scheme), FEHD advised that:

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- (a) the 423 vacant pitches would be apportioned equally among four categories of applicants. While 105 pitches or so would be set aside for each of the three categories of applicants including licensed newspaper hawkers, licensed itinerant hawkers and registered assistants with five years' or more experience; the remaining 108 pitches or so would be set aside for the fourth category of applicants, i.e. members of the general public;
- (b) each applicant would be given an individual application number specific to each category of applicants. The successful applicants would be invited to select the vacant pitches based on the priority of hawker pitch selection which would basically be determined by a combination of manual ballot and computer random sequencing;
- (c) if the number of applications received exceeded the number of pitches available for allocation, a reserve list would be drawn up for the overwhelming applications. This arrangement would be adopted across the four categories of applicants. If any of the successful applicants under the respective categories gave up the opportunity of pitch selection, applicants on the reserve lists would be invited to select the vacant pitches; and
- (d) as there was a possibility that the number of applications received from a particular category of applicants might be fewer than the number of vacant pitches set aside for allocation to that category, the Administration would work out a system to channel the untaken/available pitches to the other categories.

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9. The Chairman requested the Administration to revert to the Panel on the outcome of the consultation with DCs and the finalized arrangements for re-allocating the vacant pitches. DD(EH)/FEHD responded that the Administration would provide the information in writing before the end of the 2018-2019 legislation session.

Licence operation validity period and licence fee

10. Noting that a number of deputations opposed the proposal of specifying a licence operation validity period for new hawker licences and in particular, the proposed duration of five years as preliminarily suggested by the Administration, the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, Ms Claudia MO and Ms CHAN Hoi-yan asked whether the proposal was still open for further discussion. In Ms MO's opinion, validity period, if imposed, should be no less than eight or preferably 10 years, as it would help give incentive to the pitch allocatees to make longer term investment. The Deputy Chairman

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said that holders of new hawker licences would become unemployed if they did not have their licences renewed. The Administration should take a more sympathetic view on new hawker licensees on livelihood considerations and re-consider whether to introduce a licence operation validity period. The Chairman called on the Administration to consider some deputations' suggestion that a demerit point system might be introduced for consideration/determination of revocation/renewal of hawker licences.

11. DD(EH)/FEHD responded that since the land where hawker pitches were situated was a precious public resource, the renewal of hawker licence should not be taken as a matter of course. To promote healthy turnover of hawker licences and allow admission of new traders, FEHD was considering specifying a licence operation validity period for new hawker licences, say five years, thereby facilitating the turnover of hawker pitches and creating more opportunity for anyone interested in joining the trade. The proposed validity period served merely as a starting point for discussion. The Administration would continue to listen to different views on the licence operation validity period, including the suggestion of introducing a demerit point system, before taking a decision on the matter. DD(EH)/FEHD added that the licence operation validity period, if imposed, would only apply to new hawker licences, but not to the existing licensed newspaper hawkers and licensed itinerant hawkers who were successful in their application and switched to the respective fixed pitches.

12. Ms CHAN Hoi-yan hoped that consideration could be given to lowering or waiving the licence fee for fixed-pitch hawker licence, so as to relieve the operating difficulties of hawkers during economic downturn. DD(EH)/FEHD replied that hawker licence fees should be charged on a full cost recovery basis. The current level of hawker licence fees was very modest, as compared with that of rentals for market stalls or retail outlets. It should be noted that the Government had, taking into account the economic situation and business environment and on the basis of considerations in other policy areas in some financial years, waived the licence fees for both fixed-pitch hawker licences and itinerant hawker licences. While there was not much room for fee waiver or reduction for various types of hawker licences, she would relay the suggestion to the relevant bureaux for consideration.

Hawker policy and the Hawker Assistance Scheme

13. The Chairman and Ms Claudia MO expressed dissatisfaction with the Administration's decision to make available only 423 vacant pitches for re-allocation in the upcoming exercise. They queried whether it was the Administration's intention to "phase out" the hawking trade. In the Chairman's view, the Administration should proactively consult DCs on the

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establishment of new hawker areas at suitable sites in various districts and re-issue more hawker licences so as to make up for the reduction in hawker licences after the conclusion of the Hawker Assistance Scheme.

14. USFH responded that with the implementation of the Hawker Assistance Scheme, the Administration had satisfactorily reduced the fire risks posed by on-street hawking activities. Besides, it had also brought about a face-lift to the hawker areas, rationalized the overall layout and enhanced the electrical safety of the hawker areas. A total of 423 vacant pitches, which had fire and electrical safety improved, were now suitable for re-allocation. The Administration's priority task was to expeditiously implement the re-allocation of existing vacant pitches so as to respond to the stakeholders' aspiration. The consultation with the seven DCs concerned was underway and the tentative plan was to invite applications in the third quarter of 2019. As regards the setting up of new hawker areas, the Administration had no plan to do so in individual districts at the moment. DD(EH)/FEHD added that the Administration did not have a policy bent on eradicating hawking for the sake of eradicating it.

15. Mr Vincent CHENG asked whether the Administration would consider re-launching the Hawker Assistance Scheme on a regular basis and offering EGP to encourage aged hawkers to surrender their licences. Mr CHENG and Dr Priscilla LEUNG hoped that the Administration would devise a blueprint and implement long-term measures which would complement each other and be conducive to sustaining the vibrant development of the hawking trade, such as turning hawker areas into specially-designed hawking streets or bazaars by blending unique district characteristics into the design, so as to attract more tourists and members of the public to visit such hawking streets or bazaars.

16. In response, USFH and DD(EH)/FEHD advised that:

- (a) the Government's hawker policy was to sustain the vibrancy of licensed hawking activity on the one hand and to ensure food safety, environmental hygiene and public safety and not to cause obstruction to passageways on the other hand while paying attention to other genuine concerns (such as local views), thus striking a sensible balance in all;
- (b) the Administration would continue to enhance the operating environment of existing hawker areas, and the Food and Health Bureau would work with relevant bureaux and departments to facilitate the long-term development of the hawking trade; and

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- (c) 98.8% of the licensed hawkers in the 43 hawker areas had joined the Hawker Assistance Scheme which ended in June 2018. As the fire and electrical safety had been addressed, the Administration did not see the need for launching another Hawker Assistance Scheme in the near future.

Motion proposed by member

17. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan indicated an intention to move a motion under this discussion item. The Chairman ruled that the proposed motion was directly related to the agenda item and members present agreed that the motion should be dealt with. Since there was a lack of quorum at this point of time, the Chairman ordered that the quorum bell be rung to summon members before proceeding to deal with the motion. A quorum was subsequently present.

18. The Chairman then put the following motion moved by Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and seconded by Mr Vincent CHENG to vote:

(議案中文措辭)

本事務委員會建議，就重新編配的 423 個空置攤位，如在申請登記過程中有剩餘攤位名額，應優先分配予登記助手申請；及定期推出"小販資助計劃"。

(English translation of the motion)

This Panel proposes that, in respect of the 423 vacant pitches for re-allocation, if any pitches remain unallocated in the process of application, applications for the surplus pitches from registered assistants should be given priority; and that the "Hawker Assistance Scheme" should be implemented regularly.

19. All members who participated in the voting voted in favour of this motion. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

20. Noting that some deputations wished to express further views on the agenda item and as time permitted, the Chairman allowed Ms LAU Ka-sin, Mr Andrew LEE, Mr LEUNG Ming-yu, Ms CHUNG Choi-wan, Mr LAM Cheung-foo of the Hong Kong Newspaper Hawker Association, Mr YEUNG Man-keung, Mr CHAN Kam-wing of the Federation of Hong Kong Kowloon New Territories Hawker Associations and Miss Janis FAN of the Concern Group for Revival of Food Bazaar Culture to speak again. Their further views are included in the **Appendix**.

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II. Any other business

21. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:45 pm.

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
20 March 2019

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Special meeting held on Monday, 28 January 2019, at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex

**Item I - Issues relating to the proposed arrangements
for re-allocation of vacant hawker pitches**

Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations

No.	Name of deputation	Submission / Major views and concerns
1.	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department did not manage hawkers well after taking over the duty from the two ex-Municipal Councils. Legislative Council Members should be more proactive in supporting the development of the hawking trade and protecting the interest of hawkers.
2.	Federation of Hong Kong Kowloon New Territories Hawker Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01) The Administration should consider relaxing the restriction on the types of additional/sideline commodities allowed to be sold by licensed newspaper hawkers at newspaper stalls.
3.	Hong Kong and Kowloon Merchants and Hawkers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper Nos. CB(2)695/18-19(01) and CB(2)695/18-19(02)
4.	Jardines Crescent Merchant Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper Nos. CB(2)695/18-19(01) and CB(2)695/18-19(03)
5.	Concern Group for Hawkers' Right in Wan Chai's Cross Street and Tai Yuen Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper Nos. CB(2)695/18-19(01) and CB(2)695/18-19(04)
6.	Fuk Wa Street Hawkers Merchant Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
7.	Ms Brenda CHENG So-ngor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(05)
8.	Association Hong Kong and Kowloon Licensed Hawkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Administration's hawker policy seemed to aim at eradicating the hawking trade. The Association opposed the introduction of the five-year licence operation validity period for new hawker licences, as this would hinder the development of the hawking trade and discourage interested parties from joining the trade. The Association suggested that a demerit point system could be used in considering the renewal of hawker licences. Demerit points would be recorded for hawkers who breached licensing conditions/requirements, and this would affect their chance of licence renewal.

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9.	Mr CHING Kin-wai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(06)
10.	Mr CHAN Mun-fu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(07)
11.	Mr WONG Siu-keung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(08)
12.	Coalition of Hong Kong Newspaper and Magazine Merchants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)632/18-19(01)
13.	The Civic Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(09)
14.	Supporting Grassroots' Bazaar Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)764/18-19(01)
15.	Community March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquired about the criteria for allocating the 423 vacant hawker pitches to the four categories of applicants. Considered that the Administration should devise measures to facilitate the long-term development of the hawking trade and support the operation of hawkers in a planned manner. The Administration should take into consideration the characteristics and needs of individual districts in identifying suitable sites for setting up new hawker areas.
16.	Concern Group for Revival of Food Bazaar Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considered that the Administration should issue more hawker licences and devise measures for promoting the community economy. The Administration should support the establishment of hawker bazaars by identifying suitable locations in various districts, as bazaar activities could help to meet the community needs of individual districts. The Administration should, through collaborating with relevant bureaux/departments, take forward bottom-up proposals for the establishment of bazaars.
17.	Ms LAU Ka-sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apart from re-allocating the 423 hawker pitches, the Administration should issue more hawker licences to facilitate the development of the hawking trade. The Administration should allow the succession of hawker licences by registered assistants. Judging from the responses made by the Administration at the meeting, the Administration had an intention to "phase out" the hawking trade.
18.	Ms CHUNG Choi-wan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)588/18-19(04)
19.	Mr LEUNG Ming-yu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(10)
20.	Liberal Party ("LP")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LP supported the proposed re-allocation of hawker pitches, which would bring about diversity in the

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		<p>development of the hawking trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Administration should set aside more vacant pitches for re-allocating to experienced hawker assistants, and work on improving the business environment of licensed newspaper hawkers. The Administration should also issue new licences for operating "Dai Pai Dong".
21.	Mr Andrew LEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Administration should set aside more vacant pitches for re-allocating to experienced hawker assistants. The Administration should consider issuing more itinerant hawker licences, instead of relocating them to fixed-pitch hawker stalls. The Administration should consider making use of hawker pitches which had been vacated for a long time to revitalize the hawker areas. To facilitate the turnover of hawker pitches, a demerit point system might be used in considering the renewal of hawker licences.
22.	Wan Chai Tai Fat Hau Hawkers Merchants Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper Nos. CB(2)695/18-19(01) and CB(2)695/18-19(11)
23.	Apliu Street Hawkers Merchant Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01) If a licence operation validity period was introduced and set at five years, hawkers might not be able to sell all their stock within the period.
24.	Bowring Street Merchants and Hawkers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
25.	Fa Yuen Street Hawkers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
26.	Hong Kong Newspaper Hawker Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01) The Administration should relax the restriction on the types of additional/sideline commodities allowed to be sold by licensed newspaper hawkers at newspaper stalls.
27.	Mr YEUNG Man-keung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Administration should relax the restriction on the types of additional/sideline commodities allowed to be sold by licensed newspaper hawkers at newspaper stalls. The Administration should allow licensed newspaper hawkers to surrender their licence in exchange for an ex-gratia payment. He opposed to the proposed introduction of a licence operation validity period for new hawker licences.
Written submission from organizations/individuals not attending the meeting		
1.	Hong Kong Vegetable Food and Grocery Hawkers Welfare and Fraternity Association Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC Paper No. CB(2)588/18-19(06)

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2.	北角春秧街販商協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
3.	利源東西街販商協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
4.	永吉街販商協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
5.	北角馬寶道商會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
6.	中環商販協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
7.	燈籠洲販商協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
8.	卑利街商販協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
9.	新填地街持牌小販協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
10.	油麻地廟街販商商會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
11.	香港玉器商會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
12.	通菜街(女人街)販商協會	• LC Paper No. CB(2)695/18-19(01)
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