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Dear Miss SO,

Follow-up to Meeting on 11 December 2018 on
Review Outcome of the Hawker Assistance Scheme for
Licensed Fixed-pitch Hawkers

We received your letter of 17 December 2018. We provide below the supplementary information requested by members:

(1) Hawker pitches vacated under Hawker Assistance Scheme and available for re-allocation

In taking forward the 5-year Hawker Assistance Scheme (the 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 are unsuitable for setting up stalls¹, earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations, and absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall

¹ including pitches located within a radial distance of six metres in front of building staircase discharge points and within 1.5 metres of fire hydrants/located at emergency vehicular access.

layout of hawker areas, there are 237 vacant hawker pitches suitable for re-allocation. The breakdown figures are at **Annex 1**.

(2) Hawker pitches suitable for re-allocation

Some of the vacated pitches are not suitable for re-allocation due to reasons such as road safety concerns, improvement to obstruction to pedestrian roads and environmental hygiene, as well as pitches being situated in private areas. Apart from the abovementioned 237 hawker pitches vacated under the Scheme and available for re-allocation, outside the hawker areas there are also 186 pitches that have been vacated due to other reasons. In sum there are 423 vacant pitches suitable for re-allocation. Breakdown figures are tabulated at **Annex 2**.

(3) Issue of Fixed-Pitch (Tradesman) Hawker Licences

In 2011, the Government discussed with the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on various issues of hawker licensing including the issue of new Fixed-Pitch (Tradesman) Hawker Licences to unlicensed street tradesmen. The target to be licensed were those identified in a fact-finding survey² conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) in 2009 on unlicensed street traders. A total of 89 surveyed tradesmen were then identified and recorded in the exercise.

In the past few years, FEHD has been keeping contact with these tradesmen, and assisting them in seeking clearance from relevant departments and obtaining support from the District Councils (DCs), so that licences could be issued to them for operating legally in-situ or at other suitable sites. Where this is not possible to issue licences for in-situ operation, the tradesmen concerned will be given the options to choose a site from the district's existing vacant hawker pitches or to propose new sites for assessment of their suitability for hawking purpose. In respect of the latter, FEHD will invite the relevant DCs to consider the proposal in addition to relaying the proposal to relevant Departments for assessment in respect of traffic, fire, safety and other considerations. For those

² The targets of the survey were unlicensed on-street tradesmen. The survey was to ascertain their trading locations, type of business and length of services at the relevant locations etc.

tradesmen who have expressly indicated that they intend to continue to operate but have no intention to apply for a hawker licence, FEHD will continue explain to them again that the purpose of licensing is to allow them to conduct business legally. As at end December 2018, licences have been issued to or are being processed for 28 tradesmen. A total of 40 tradesmen refused applying for a licence, unable to be reached or have left the trade. There are also 21 tradesmen who can propose other sites as their original sites were considered not suitable. FEHD will continue to follow up with these cases and assist these tradesmen to operate legally at suitable sites.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Annex 1

Figures of Hawker Pitches Vacated under the Hawker Assistance Scheme and Available for Re-allocation

(3 June 2013 - 31 October 2018)

No. of pitches vacated due to surrender of licence for Ex- gratia Payment t (EGP)	No. of vacant pitches located outside building staircase discharge points	No. of vacant pitches located within 6m radial distance of building staircase discharge points and 1.5m radial distance of fire hydrants	No. of vacant pitches used for relocation of hawkers outside building staircase discharge points	No. of vacant pitches for rationalising the layout in hawker areas	No. of vacant pitches available for re- allocation due to surrender of licence for EGP
(a)	(b)	(e)	(c)	(d)	(f)=(a)-(b)- (c)-(d)-(e)
854	76	139	166	236	237

Annex 2

Vacant Pitches Suitable for Re-allocation
(Position as at 31 October 2018)

District	Serial No.	Hawker Street/Bazaar ¹	Hawker Pitches Vacated under the Hawker Assistance Scheme and Available for Re-allocation	Number of Vacant Pitches Available for Re-allocation due to Other Reasons	Number of Vacant Pitches Suitable for Re-allocation ²
			(a)	(b)	(c)=(a)+(b)
Eastern	1	Chung Yeung Street	1	0	1
	2	Marble Road	9	2	11
	3	Kam Wa Street	5	1	6
	4	Tai Tak Street	3	1	4
	Sub-total		18	4	22
Central and Western	1	Pottinger Street	2	1	3
	2	Graham Street	6	0	6
	3	Peel Street	4	0	4
	4	Upper Lascar Row	0	1	1
	5	Aberdeen Street	NA ³	1	1
	6	Douglas Lane	NA ³	1	1
	7	Elgin Street	NA ³	1	1
	8	An unnamed lane connecting Pedder Street and Theatre Lane	NA ³	1	1
	9	Gilman's Bazaar	NA ³	1	1
	Sub-total		12	7	19

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			(a)	(b)	(c)=(a)+(b)
Wan Chai	1	Gresson Street	1	6	7
	2	Cross Street	0	2	2
	3	Tai Yuen Street	1	1	2
	4	Jardine's Crescent	7	15	22
	5	Wun Sha Street	NA ³	26	26
	Sub-total		9	50	59
Yau Tsim	1	Reclamation Street	18	3	21
	2	Canton Road	9	5	14
	3	Bowring Street	3	1	4
	4	Temple Street	67	2	69
	5	Pitt Street	NA ³	2	2
	Sub-total		97	13	110
Mongkok	1	Tung Choi Street	25	3	28
	2	Canton Road	27	4	31
	3	Fifi Street	6	2	8
	4	Yin Chong Street	4	0	4
	5	Ki Lung Street	5	0	5
	6	Poplar Street	2	1	3
	7	Nelson Street	3	0	3
	8	Nam Tau Street	NA ³	1	1
	Sub-total		72	11	83
Sham Shui Po	1	Wing Lung Street	12	25	37

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			(a)	(b)	(c)=(a)+(b)
	2	Fat Tseung Street	1	5	6
	3	Cheung Fat Street	5	9	14
	4	Fuk Wing Street	0	1	1
	5	Pei Ho Street	1	0	1
	6	Apliu Street	3	1	4
	7	Ki Lung Street	2	0	2
	Sub-total		24	41	65
Kowloon City	1	Pau Chung Street	5	13	18
	Sub-total		5	13	18
Tsuen Wan	1	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	NA ³	47	47
	Sub-total		0	47	47
Total			237	186	423

Note:

¹ Hawker streets/bazaar outside 43 hawker areas under the Hawker Assistance Scheme are included.

² The figure represents the number of pitches suitable for re-allocation. The figure does not include pitches with a higher risk which are unsuitable for setting up stalls (including pitches located within a radial distance of six metres in front of building staircase discharge points and within 1.5 metres of fire hydrants/located at emergency vehicular access), earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations, absorbed in the

course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas, and reserved for resite commitments due to other needs.

- ³ Not within 43 Hawker areas under the Hawker Assistance Scheme.