

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question :

During 2007-08, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will extend the scheme on contracting out market management to two additional districts, namely Southern and Tuen Mun districts. In this connection, please advise on:

1. the estimated expenditure involved;
2. the date the scheme commences;
3. the manpower savings, if any;
4. the selection criteria for these two districts.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (1) Contracts for market management services are awarded through open tender. The tender exercise has yet to commence and information on estimated expenditure will only be available after its completion.
- (2) The scheme on contracting out market management of Southern and Tuen Mun districts is scheduled to commence in October 2007.
- (3) We expect manpower savings of around 43 staff when the scheme has been extended to Southern and Tuen Mun districts. The incumbent staff will be gainfully redeployed.

- (4) In outsourcing market management services, we aim to minimize disruption to the on-going operations in the markets. The cleansing contracts for the current markets/cooked food centres in Southern and Tuen Mun districts will expire in 2007-08, thereby offering an opportunity to outsource the management services in these markets/cooked food centres.

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