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

Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2007-08, the Department will extend the scheme on contracting out market management to two additional districts, namely Southern and Tuen Mun districts. Please advise on the details of the scheme (including the monitoring of service quality and performance indicator) and the estimated savings in manpower and expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

<u>Reply</u>:

The Department plans to extend the scheme on contracting out market management to all the public markets/cooked food centres in Southern District and Tuen Mun District in 2007-08. The service contractor will provide overall management, cleansing services, minor repairs and maintenance services in those markets/cooked food centres. District staff will closely monitor the performance of the contractors. We will assess their performance with reference to the cleanliness and general conditions in the markets, as well as feedback from customers, market tenants and the Market Management Consultative Committees as appropriate.

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The extension of the scheme to Southern and Tuen Mun Districts will lead to manpower saving of around 43 staff. The incumbent staff will be gainfully redeployed. Information on actual savings in expenditure will only be available after completion of the open tendering exercise.

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