

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

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Question :

Many markets in Hong Kong, particularly those constructed in earlier years, have poor ventilation and temperature control. In summer, these markets are hot and stuffy, affecting the health of those who work long hours there, and the fresh meat sold in the markets is prone to deterioration that endangers public health.

It is noted that the Administration has started relevant improvement works. Please advise if such works was completed in all substandard markets. If not, has provision been reserved in 2007-08 for such works to be done in markets that required improvements? Please also advise on the details of the improvement works and names of the markets involved.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The Department is continuing general improvement works in public markets. The works include mainly upgrading of drainage, lighting, ventilation, signage and fire services provisions.

In 2007-08, the Department will continue to carry out general improvement works in 10 markets at an estimated total project cost of \$103 million. The markets involved are Sheung Wan Market, Tsuen Wan Market, Yeung Uk Road Market, North Kwai Chung Market, Wing Fong Street Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Plover Cove Road Market, Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market, Shau Kei Wan Market and Choi Hung Road Market. In addition, the Department is working

on plans to carry out general improvement works in another 12 markets and 2 cooked food centres.

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