Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Question:

Including the additional provision of \$21.2 million in 2007-08, what is the provision for the management of new public markets and the implementation of market improvement works for the year? How many new markets will come into operation and how many stalls will they provide? How many on-street hawkers will be resited in 2007-08 and will there be enough public market stalls to resite them?

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

Additional provision of \$12.5 million has been earmarked in 2007-08 under Programme 3 for the management of new public markets and implementation of market improvement works. Two new markets, namely the new Wan Chai Market and Aldrich Bay Market with a provision of about 200 stalls in total are scheduled for commissioning in 2007-08.

About 80 licensed fixed pitch hawkers are planned to be resited into the new Wan Chai Market. We are still considering the leasing and occupation arrangements for the Aldrich Bay Market and will consult the relevant District Council and other concerned parties when the proposals are ready.

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