

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Food and Health

Question :

During 2008-09, the Department will consider further extending the scheme on contracting out market management to other districts. Please advise on the proposed time frame for extension of the scheme, the markets to be covered, the estimated savings in manpower and expenditure as well as the ways in which the resources saved will be re-deployed and put to effective use.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

- (1) In 2008-09, we will further contract out the management of 32 markets in 6 districts. For Central/Western, Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Districts, the contracting out will commence in July 2008, whilst those for North District and Yuen Long District are scheduled for August and October 2008 respectively. After contracting out these 32 markets, there will be 57 markets in respect of which the management has been contracted out.
- (2) We expect manpower savings of around 156 staff from the above contracting out exercise. The staff concerned will be gainfully redeployed. We cannot provide an estimate on savings in expenditure, as the tender exercise has yet to complete.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of
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Date _____ 26.3.2008 _____