

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

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Question :

During 2008-09, the Department will consider further extending the scheme on contracting out market management to other districts. Please advise on details of the plan, the proportion of markets currently managed by the Department to those contracted out, their respective occupancy rate and whether a target is set on the ultimate percentage of markets being contracted out?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

In 2008-09, we will contract out the management of 32 markets in six 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.

Currently, the Department operates a total of 104 public markets/cooked food centres (CFC) with 14 901 stalls. To date, the management of 25 markets/CFC in five districts has been contracted out. The average occupancy rate of public markets/CFC managed by the Department is 75.8%, compared with 78.7% for the 25 markets/CFC with management contracted out.

The Department will consider whether the scheme should be further extended to public markets in other districts in the light of experience gained.

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