

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

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Food and Health

Question :

Does the Department need to subsidise market management? If yes, what is the amount of subsidy provided? Please advise on the markets that received the largest and the smallest amount of subsidy?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Department recorded a deficit of \$169.5 million in the management of public markets. Amongst the markets where deficit was recorded, Smithfield Market had the highest deficit and Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market the lowest.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ **W H CHEUK** _____

Post Title _____ Director of
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Date _____ 25.3.2008 _____