

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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Question:

With regard to the work in “managing and maintaining public markets”, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the details of the work involved, and the measures to be taken to improve the management and maintenance of public markets so as to enhance the quality of service;
- (b) the estimated expenditure involved; and
- (c) the respective occupancy and vacancy rates of all public markets in the territory over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) In 2011-12, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will carry out various measures to improve the management and maintenance of public markets. In addition to regular and daily cleansing to maintain general cleanliness of markets, FEHD will carry out improvement works in four markets, conduct promotional activities to attract patronage, let out vacant stalls at reduced upset auction price and introduce more service stalls (as appropriate) to enhance the occupancy rates of public markets.
- (b) The estimated expenditure on management and maintenance of public markets for 2011-12 is \$552.4 million.

(c) The information sought is provided as follows:

	<u>Occupancy Rate (%)</u>	<u>Vacancy Rate (%)</u>
End 2006	77	23
End 2007	76	24
End 2008	77	23
End 2009	82	18
End 2010	84	16

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