

**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:

There is no mention of the work to improve the trading environment of public markets under the Brief Description. In this connection, please advise on:

- (a) the provision earmarked for improving the trading environment of public markets; and
- (b) the measures to be taken to improve the trading environment of public markets.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows :

- (a) A total of \$33.3 million has been earmarked in 2011-12 for improving the trading environment of public markets.
- (b) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will implement the following measures to improve the trading environment of public markets –
 - 1. To carry out improvement works in four markets, including upgrading of fire services facilities, installation of barrier free access facilities, improvement of lighting, ventilation and drainage systems and refurbishment of toilets. The estimated cost is \$27.88 million.
 - 2. To continue to identify suitable vacant market stalls for conversion into service trade stalls, bakery stalls and light refreshment stalls. No additional resources are required.
 - 3. To continue to conduct market promotion activities, especially during traditional festival periods. The estimated cost is \$4 million.
 - 4. To install eye-catching signboards/lightboxes listing out the stall in cooked food centres. The estimated cost is \$1.42 million.

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Director of
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Date _____

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