

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department      Subhead (No. & title):

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question:

With regard to enhancing the viability of public markets by improving management, upgrading facilities, providing a more flexible mix of trade, and carrying out promotional activities in 2012-13, please provide details, including the specific measures to be taken, the manpower arrangement and the expenditure required. Please also advise on whether specific markets will be given priority in implementing these measures and the timetable for taking forward these measures.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2012-13, in addition to regular and daily management of markets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will carry out improvement works in five markets, namely, Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market, On Ching Road Flower Market, Tai Wai Market, Tsuen King Circuit Market and Cheung Chau Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$32.08 million. The works include upgrading of fire services facilities, provision of barrier free access, improvement of ventilation, drainage and lighting systems, and refurbishment of toilets. The improvement works for Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market, On Ching Road Flower Market and Tsuen King Circuit Market are tentatively scheduled for completion by early 2013, and those for Tai Wai Market and Cheung Chau Market are under planning.

At the same time, as an on-going initiative, the Department will continue to conduct promotional activities to attract patronage in its public markets. These include festive celebration activities, thematic exhibitions and workshops, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. The estimated cost of these promotional activities is \$4 million.

The Department will continue to let out vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce more service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rates of public markets.

The above measures will be undertaken by existing staff. No additional manpower and resources will be required.

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