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Question:

Many market complexes in Hong Kong are old buildings with their design and layout being out-dated (in terms of their ventilation and drainage systems, demarcation of stalls, etc.) With the supermarket chains taking up a dominant market position, the competitiveness and viability of market traders are getting diminished, leaving consumers with fewer choices. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the expenditure involved in systematically improving the trading environment of markets in various districts, such as replacement of lighting systems, retrofitting of air-conditioning and improvement of hygiene facilities, over the past three years (i.e. in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); the expenditure on each type of upgrading projects; and whether the financial provision in this respect will increase for the next three years (i.e. in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16); if yes, the rate of the increase.

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The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated total cost (\$million)</b>
2010-11	5.30
2011-12	4.00
2012-13	23.66

These market improvement works include upgrading of fire services and electricity provisions; refurbishment of ceiling, floor tiles and sanitary fitments; addition of public space, lighting, ventilation and signage. As resources for market improvement projects are allocated on a venue basis, there is no cost breakdown of individual types of improvement works.

Under the existing arrangement, resources are earmarked for market improvement works for the coming financial year. The estimated total cost for market improvement projects for 2013-14 is \$31.05 million.

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