

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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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

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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:

In 2013-14, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will implement the following measures to improve the operating environment of public markets –

1. To carry out improvement works in six markets, including upgrading of fire services facilities, improvement of ventilation and lighting systems, and refurbishment of toilets. The estimated cost is \$31.05 million.
2. To continue to conduct market promotional activities, especially during traditional festival periods. The estimated cost is \$4 million.
3. To continue to identify suitable vacant market stalls for conversion into service trade, bakery and light refreshment stalls. No additional resources are required.

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