

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control
Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health
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Question (Member Question No. 127):

Please advise whether the Department will deploy staff to conduct consultations in the public markets, besides following the recommendations of the consultancy study, with a view to improving the operating environment of the markets; whether the Department has any specific plan for improving the management and upgrading the facilities of the public markets in the coming year; and which public markets have been identified for environmental improvement works in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has established Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCC) for its public markets. Through regular meetings of the MMCC with participation of the representatives of market tenants and District Council Members, the Department discusses with relevant stakeholders on matters relating to market management, in particular the operating environment of specific markets.

In addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in five markets, namely, Smithfield Market, Kwun Chung Market, Tsing Yi Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market and Haiphong Road Temporary Market in 2014-15. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$31.5 million. The works include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation and lighting systems, and refurbishment of toilets.