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Question (Member Question No. 59):

It is stated that the Department will “assist FHB in developing proposals for improving the operating environment of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study commissioned in December 2013”. In this connection, please advise on the details of the work, the manpower and expenditure to be involved, the estimated earliest time for implementing the proposals and the list of markets initially identified for improvement of operating environment.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

In December 2013, the Food and Health Bureau commissioned a consultant for developing proposals to improve the operating environment of public markets thereby enabling them to fulfil the functions expected of them. The consultancy fee amounts to \$2 million. The consultant is expected to submit preliminary study findings in mid-2014 if the study progresses smoothly. The study will be monitored by existing staff. No additional manpower and resources will be required.