

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the Department's efforts to continue to improve the management of public markets and upgrade their facilities, it has earlier on planned to install exhaust fans in non-air-conditioned Ngau Tau Kok Market and Shui Wo Street Cooked Food Centre. Did the Department enhance the ventilation of other non-air-conditioned markets in the past three years? If yes, please provide the projects undertaken, their effectiveness and the expenditure involved. As regards the coming year, please advise whether the Department has similar ventilation facilities retrofitting plans in venues other than Ngau Tau Kok Market and Shui Wo Street Cooked Food Centre.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

In the past three years, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department carried out improvement works to improve the ventilation of 33 non-air-conditioned markets. The cost of these improvement works was \$9.57 million. The works include the addition of wall-mounted fans, ceiling fans, propeller fans and air-coolers as well as replacement of fans, air-ducts, air units of Market Economic Air Treatment System, and cleaning of exhaust air-ducts etc. Similar enhancement works will be carried out in a number of non-air-conditioned markets in 2015-16, including To Kwa Wan Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Ngau Tau Kok Market, Shui Wo Street Market and Tai Wai Market to improve ventilation.