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Question:

Many public markets in Hong Kong need revitalisation and refurbishment. For instance, local views have remarked that the facilities at Heung Che Street Market in Tsuen Wan are in a dilapidated condition and do not include a lift. In this connection, please advise whether the Department will consider and explore the possibility of carrying out refurbishment works and retrofitting of lifts in the said market; if yes, the manpower and expenditure to be involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

To enhance the operating environment of Heung Che Street Market, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is exploring the possibility of conducting improvement works there. The improvement works tentatively include refurbishment of the entrances and external walls and improvement of the drainage system.

Also, the Department is actively pursuing the proposal to provide a lift for the market. Having confirmed the location of the lift, the Architectural Services Department is now carrying out technical feasibility study to take the project forward.

The above-mentioned improvement works are still at the preliminary planning stage. Information on the manpower and expenditure involved is not available yet.