

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 255 of the 2017 Policy Address that "...we will continue to enhance the hardware of a number of existing public markets, including reprovisioning, reconfiguration and upgrading of facilities, etc. We will also take forward progressively the installation of air-conditioning in public markets which have obtained overwhelming support from tenants (totalling 10 markets at present)." In this connection, please provide information on the cost of works involved for the installation of air-conditioning in the 10 public markets and the Programme under which the cost will be covered. Please also advise on the markets' locations, works schedules and implementation timetables.

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

According to the established mechanism, when there is a request from market tenants for the retrofitting of air-conditioning facilities at a public market, the request will first be discussed at a meeting of the relevant Market Management Consultative Committee (MMCC). Where a consensus is reached by MMCC that the request should be further explored, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will conduct a questionnaire survey to gauge the extent of support from market tenants. Since 1 July 2015, the threshold of tenants' support to retrofitting of air-conditioning facilities in public markets has been lowered from 85% to 80%. FEHD has completed the consultation with the MMCCs of those FEHD markets without air-conditioning. The MMCCs of 27 of these markets supported conducting a questionnaire survey to collect the tenants' views on the retrofitting of air-conditioning in the relevant public markets. The questionnaire surveys were subsequently conducted and completed. Out of the 27 public markets surveyed, 2 markets and 6 cooked food centres of the relevant markets attained sufficient tenant support. In addition, Shui Wo Street Market Cooked Food Centre (CFC), Tai Wai Market and Aberdeen Market cum CFC on which questionnaire surveys were conducted before 1 July 2015, have also met the tenants' support threshold. The location of these 11 markets is provided as follows-

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Name of Public Market</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Shui Wo Street Market CFC	Shui Wo Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
2	Tai Wai Market	Chik Fai Street, Tai Wai, Sha Tin, New Territories
3	Aberdeen Market cum CFC	Aberdeen Main Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong
4	Ngau Tau Kok Market CFC	Ngau Tau Kok Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
5	Shek Tong Tsui Market CFC	Queen's Road West, Shek Tong Tsui, Hong Kong
6	Fa Yuen Street Market CFC	Fa Yuen Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon
7	Electric Road Market CFC	Electric Road, Fortress Hill, Hong Kong
8	Quarry Bay Market CFC	Quarry Bay Street, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong
9	Ngau Chi Wan Market CFC	Clear Water Bay Road, Ngau Chi Wan, Kowloon
10	Yeung Uk Road Market	Yeung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
11	Tsuen Wan Market	Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories

If there is sufficient tenant support, a technical feasibility study will be conducted. Taking into consideration factors such as the findings of the technical feasibility study, extent of works required, cost effectiveness, impact on business and market operation, and whether the implementation details are acceptable to the tenants concerned, the Government will decide whether there is a case for seeking funds to carry out the works for retrofitting air-conditioners. The technical feasibility study for Tai Wai Market has been completed. With regard to Shui Wo Street Market CFC, Aberdeen Market cum CFC and Ngau Tau Kok Market CFC, the preliminary feasibility assessment is underway. FEHD is now following up with the Architectural Services Department to conduct preliminary feasibility assessment for the other markets concerned. The proposed retrofitting works will be funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund subject to availability of resources and funding approval of the Finance Committee. We are unable to provide the cost of works and the works schedule at the present stage.

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