

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)163****(Question Serial No. 1170)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the work of "assist(ing) FHB in developing proposals for improving the operating environment of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014", please advise on the following:

- given that the consultancy report has studied 6 markets, including Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Lockhart Road Market and Wing Fong Street Market, in detail and recommended refurbishment works be implemented, the progress of the study, the works schedule and the expenditure involved, with a breakdown by the 6 markets;
- Please set out in the table below the population, as well as the number of markets (with a breakdown by operator), supermarkets and fresh provision shops, in Tin Shui Wai, Tung Chung, Ma On Shan and Tseung Kwan O.

District	Population	No. of markets				No. of supermarkets	No. of fresh provision shops
		FEHD	Link	Housing Authority	Private developer(s)		
Tin Shui Wai							
Tung Chung							
Ma On Shan							
Tseung Kwan O							

- Please set out in the table below the population, as well as the number of markets (with a breakdown by operator), supermarkets and fresh provision shops, in each of the districts shown.

District	Population	No. of markets				No. of supermarkets	No. of fresh provision shops
		FEHD	Link	Housing Authority	Private developer(s)		
Central and Western							
Eastern							

Southern							
Wan Chai							
Kowloon City							
Kwun Tong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sham Shui Po							
Mong Kok							
Yau Tsim							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
Sai Kung							
Islands							
Total							

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

1. The Consultant commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau selected 6 representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. These 6 markets are Lockhart Road Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Wing Fong Street Market, Tsuen Wan Market and Ngau Chi Wan Market. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets in phases including gauging their feasibility and acceptability to the tenants. The experience gained and the improvement recommendations taken forward will serve as a reference for pursuing improvements to other similar markets in the future. The progress of the 6 selected markets is provided at Annex I.
2. The information sought is provided at Annex II.
3. The information sought is provided at Annex III.

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Name of Market	Progress
Lockhart Road Market	<p>The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of these 2 markets. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. Rejection of those that necessitate temporary closure/business suspension implies that the scope of improvement will be significantly less than that envisaged in the Consultancy Report. Having considered MMCCs' views and the results of the feasibility studies, the improvement works for Lockhart Road Market will include beautification of the façade and upgrading market external wall facing the major road, enhancement of the ventilating system, upgrading of market toilets, loading bay facilities, fire service installation, barrier free access and lightings, provision of Closed-circuit Television System and a new TV broadcast system, replacement of directional signboards and floor tiles, and conversion of former poultry stalls into trading stalls. The improvement works will commence in the second quarter of 2017 for completion in the fourth quarter of 2019, at an estimated cost of \$21.2 million.</p> <p>For Sheung Fung Street Market, the scope of improvement works is being finalised in consultation with relevant departments.</p>
Sheung Fung Street Market	
Yau Ma Tei Market	<p>The MMCCs of these 2 markets were consulted in the fourth quarter of 2016. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. Rejection of those that necessitate temporary closure implies that the scope of improvement will be significantly less than that envisaged in the Consultancy Report. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies and seek funding approval according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works.</p>
Wing Fong Street Market	
Tsuen Wan Market	<p>The Department is now following up on the Consultant's recommended improvements for these 2 markets. Recent surveys indicated that Tsuen Wan Market has attained the 80% threshold support rate for the installation of air-conditioning system. This will be taken into account in conducting the technical feasibility studies and further consultation with the MMCC.</p>
Ngau Chi Wan Market	

District	Population#	No. of markets				No. of supermarkets	No. of fresh provision shops*
		FEHD	Link	Housing Authority	Private developer(s)		
Tin Shui Wai	287 901	-	4	1	-	11	82
Tung Chung@	78 443	-	2	-	-	5	29
Ma On Shan	202 431	-	5	-	3	13	74
Tseung Kwan O	371 590	-	5	-	4	21	119

Based on 2011 Population Census data provided by Census and Statistics Department. 2016 Population By-census data for the above areas will not be available until mid-2017.

@ There is no official geographical demarcation for "Tung Chung" in population censuses/by-censuses conducted by Census and Statistics Department. The figure refers to population in new town of North Lantau Island.

* A fresh provision shop is a licensed premise which sells fresh, chilled or frozen beef, mutton, pork, reptiles, fish or poultry.

District	Population#	No. of markets				No. of supermarkets	No. of fresh provision shops*
		FEHD	Link	Housing Authority	Private developer(s)		
Central and Western	243 266	6	-	-	-	47	114
Eastern	555 034	10	2	-	2	50	174
Southern	274 994	6	2	2	2	29	84
Wan Chai	180 123	6	-	-	-	22	86
Kowloon City	418 732	4	2	1	-	44	127
Kwun Tong	648 541	8	10	-	-	47	258
Wong Tai Sin	425 235	4	6	3	-	33	168
Sham Shui Po	405 869	5	1	3	-	46	147
Mong Kok	342 970	3	-	-	-	30	129
Yau Tsim		3	-	-	-	30	80
Sha Tin	659 794	4	14	2	9	58	272
Tai Po	303 926	2	5	-	-	18	95
North	315 270	4	4	-	1	31	66
Kwai Tsing	520 572	8	6	5	2	49	180
Tsuen Wan	318 916	6	-	2	3	40	102
Tuen Mun	489 299	6	9	1	3	34	171
Yuen Long	614 178	8	5	2	-	42	183
Sai Kung	461 864	2	5	-	4	32	149
Islands	156 801	6	2	-	-	13	51
Total	7 335 384	101	73	21	26	695	2636

Based on “Hong Kong 2016 Population By-census - Key Statistics” published by Census and Statistics Department in February 2017.

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