

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)171****(Question Serial No. 0761)**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:

During 2017-18, the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) will formulate improvement proposals for a number of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014. In this connection, please set out in tabular form the location, improvement proposal, schedule for completion of works and estimated expenditure of each of the public markets concerned.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (Member Question No. 5)Reply:

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 tabulated as follows.

Serial No.	Name of Market	Location	Progress
1.	Lockhart Road Market	Lockhart Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	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

2.	Sheung Fung Street Market	Sheung Fung Street Joint User Building, Sheung Fung Street, Diamond Hill, Kowloon	<p>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 old directional signboards and old 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>
3.	Yau Ma Tei Market	Kansu Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon	<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>
4.	Wing Fong Street Market	Wing Fong Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories	<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</p>
5.	Tsuen Wan Market	Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	
6.	Ngau Chi Wan Market	Clear Water Bay Road, Ngau Chi Wan,	

		Kowloon	air-conditioning system. This will be taken into account in conducting the technical feasibility studies and further consultation with the MMCC.
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