

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

With regard to the work of launching a Market Modernisation Programme to improve facilities of existing public markets, please provide information on the following:

1. the estimated provision for implementing the programme in 2018-19, the number of public markets involved and details of the improvement projects to be carried out; and
2. the number of public markets in the territory where the programme has yet to be implemented, the estimated time and provision required to complete the whole programme, as well as the details of the improvement projects concerned.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 37)

Reply:

In his Budget Speech delivered in February 2018, the Financial Secretary announced that \$2 billion would be earmarked for implementing a Market Modernisation Programme (MMP) over the next 10 years. This will entail a comprehensive review of public markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), and improvement works including early installation of air-conditioning (A/C) systems, major overhaul or redevelopment, with a view to improving the operating environment of the markets and putting the land resources to most gainful use. The project scope may include A/C, re-design and re-zoning of stalls, re-configuration of layout, drainage improvement, upgrading works for fire services installations, electricity supply, toilet facilities, ventilation, lighting, signage, replacement of floor tiles, provision of barrier free access, façade and external wall decoration, lifts and escalators, etc. as appropriate. A dedicated team has been set up in the Department to take forward the MMP and other reviews.

There is no pre-set limit on the number of markets that may benefit from the dedicated funding, which would depend on the actual circumstances of individual markets interested, scope and complexity of works proposed, and the mix of projects agreed over time. Public markets would be considered with regard to the physical condition of the markets

concerned, their geographical location and distribution, business viability, tenants' readiness, etc.

The capital works expenditure and recurrent costs of any project could only be determined when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

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