

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the launch of a Market Modernisation Programme to improve facilities of existing public markets, given that a support rate of 80% among tenants is currently needed for undertaking the retrofitting of air-conditioning in a public market, and according to the Department's reply last year, 11 markets have reached the threshold, please provide information on the estimated commencement date and completion date of the retrofitting works as well as the expenditure involved as per the table below:

Serial No.	Name of Public Market	Support Rate for Retrofitting of Air-conditioning (%)	Estimated Commencement Date of the Air-conditioning Retrofitting Works	Estimated Completion Date of the Air-conditioning Retrofitting Works	Estimated Expenditure
	Shui Wo Street Market Cooked Food Centre				
	Tai Wai Market				
	Aberdeen Market cum Cooked Food Centre				

	Ngau Tau Kok Market Cooked Food Centre				
	Shek Tong Tsui Market Cooked Food Centre				
	Quarry Bay Market Cooked Food Centre				
	Electric Road Market Cooked Food Centre				
	Fa Yuen Street Market Cooked Food Centre				
	Ngau Chi Wan Market Cooked Food Centre				
	Yeung Uk Road Market				
	Tsuen Wan Market				

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 8)

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.

With respect to the progress in taking forward the 11 markets/cooked food centres which have secured the requisite support from the tenants for installing A/C systems, we sought the views of the Legislative Council's Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in February 2018 on the proposal regarding Tai Wai Market. The remaining 10 markets/cooked food centres are at different stages of preparation, including technical studies and engagement with tenants on the scope of works and related issues.

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