

**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:

1. Please advise on the details and duties of the additional 13 posts responsible for dealing with matters relating to markets.
2. With regard to the planning of new public markets; implementation of modernisation, revitalisation and consolidation programme for existing public markets; and increased capital expenditure for the replacement of escalators and lifts in public markets, please advise on the actual expenditure, revised estimate and estimated expenditure for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively.
3. Please set out the markets in which replacement of escalators and lifts will be carried out and the number of escalators and lifts to be replaced in each of these markets.

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 3)

Reply:

1. There is a net increase of 13 posts under this programme in 2018-19. The duties of the posts proposed to be created under this programme in 2018-19 are as follows –

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Duties</b>
Foremen	To strengthen management and enforcement work in public markets
Health inspector	To strengthen support for market management, and to plan and implement market modernisation, revitalisation and consolidation programme

2&3. A dedicated team, headed by a D2 officer, has been set up in the Department in 2017 to take forward the planning of new public markets and implementation of modernisation, revitalisation and consolidation programme for existing public markets and other reviews. The estimated staff costs in 2018-19 are \$17.9 million.

Since 2015-16, we have earmarked about \$300 million for the replacement of 87 escalators and 33 lifts in 26 public markets. The capital expenditure is \$68.8 million in 2016-17, \$80.0 million in 2017-18 (revised estimate) and \$97.1 million in 2018-19 (estimate). A list of the markets concerned is at Annex. The replacement works are expected to be completed progressively in the coming years. In addition, in his Budget Speech delivered in February 2018, the Financial Secretary announced that \$2 billion would be earmarked for implementing a Market Modernisation Programme for existing markets over the next 10 years. Resources for new public markets would be sought for separately.

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<b>District</b>	<b>Name of Market</b>	<b>Number of lifts to be replaced</b>	<b>Number of escalators to be replaced</b>
Southern	Tin Wan Market	1	2
	Yue Kwong Road Market	2	1
Eastern	Sai Wan Ho Market	2	4
	Java Road Market	1	6
	Electric Road Market	-	2
Wanchai	Lockhart Road Market	1	4
	Causeway Bay Market	-	2
	Wong Nai Chung Market	-	4
Central and Western	Sheung Wan Market	3	6
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	3	-
	Smithfield Road Market	1	4
Mongkok	Fa Yuen Street Market	1	10
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	2	12
	Pei Ho Street Market	2	4
Yau Tsim	Kwun Chung Market	-	6
Kowloon City	Hung Hom Market	2	2
	To Kwa Wan Market	1	-
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	-	1
	Shui Wo Street Market	2	-
Wong Tai Sin	Tai Shing Street Market	2	-
Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market	4	8
	Tsuen Wan Market	-	1
North	Shek Wu Hui Market	2	4
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	-	2
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	1	-
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung Market	-	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>87</b>