

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

The Government set out 11 public markets which have met the requisite threshold for the retrofitting of air-conditioning in Annex III to Reply Serial No. FHB(FE)228. What are the procedures and details (such as feasibility study, tender exercise and reprovisioning of stall tenants) of the retrofitting works after it is confirmed that the threshold has been met? Can any roadmap and schedule be provided?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

The major steps in taking forward retrofitting of air-conditioning (A/C) in public markets that have met the requisite threshold include preliminary and detailed feasibility studies, consultation with tenants and other relevant stakeholders on the project scope and details, as well as seeking funding approval from the Legislative Council.

Among the 11 public 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 March 2018 on the proposal regarding the Tai Wai Market. Preparatory work in different stages is underway for the remaining 10 markets/cooked food centres.

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