

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-FHB(FE)12****(Question Serial No. S0076)**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:

By making reference to the existing air-conditioned public markets, please provide information on the estimated expenditure required for undertaking the retrofitting of air-conditioning in all non-air-conditioned public markets across the territory as per the table below:

<b>District</b>	<b>Name of market</b>	<b>Estimated cost of installation</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure on repair per annum</b>	<b>Estimated electricity charge per annum</b>
	1.			
	2.			
	...			
	Total			

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-mingReply:

The capital and recurrent expenditure of any project that may be implemented under the Market Modernisation Programme announced in the Budget Speech can only be determined when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment. As an illustration, we propose to retrofit the Tai Wai Market with an air-conditioning (A/C) system at an estimated cost of \$109.7 million in money-of-the-day prices subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (FC). The proposal is scheduled for scrutiny by the Public Works Subcommittee under the FC in the first half of 2018.

The recurrent A/C expenses incurred by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2017-18 in the operation of 32 air-conditioned public markets (with some at cooked food centres only) amounted to \$61.8 million.

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