

**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

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Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention this year under the Programme that the Department will “take action to close public markets which are under-utilised”.

- I. What are the details of the work plan, the manpower and the estimated expenditure involved this year?
- II. Please set out the current number of stalls, occupancy rate and expenditure on management involved of individual public markets in the territory, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

As promulgated in the 2018 Policy Address, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is conducting a comprehensive review of the usage and development potential of existing markets, with a view to formulating appropriate development plans for meeting the policy objectives of optimising land uses, benefitting the public and promoting district development.

- I. As a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time, with some having very low patronage and high vacancy rates. Closure of such markets may release precious land resources for more gainful use to better serve the community. When considering whether an under-utilised market is to be closed, the Department will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. The Department will consult the relevant District Council(s) and the market tenants to be affected on any market closure plans.

The Department closed Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market in February 2019, and is planning to close Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market and Tui Min Hoi Market in 2019-20. A dedicated team has been set up in the Department to take forward the Market Modernisation Programme and other reviews, including closure of markets, with the support of 37 staff. The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the team in 2019-20 is \$33.9 million.

- II. The number of stalls and the occupancy rate of individual public market is set out at Annex. There is no breakdown on the expenditure on market management for each of the public markets. The total expenditure on management of public markets as a whole in 2018-19 (revised estimate) is \$853 million.

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District	Name of Public Markets <sup>(a)</sup>	As at 31 December 2018	
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate <sup>(b)</sup>
Eastern	Yue Wan Market	380	94%
	Chai Wan Market	174	92%
	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%
	Java Road Market	194	94%
	Electric Road Market	99	81%
	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	98%
	Quarry Bay Market	113	69%
	North Point Market	42	83%
	Aldrich Bay Market	71	92%
Wanchai	Bowrington Road Market	296	93%
	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	94%
	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	96%
	Lockhart Road Market	166	74%
	Wanchai Market	50	100%
	Causeway Bay Market	51	96%
Central/ Western	Sheung Wan Market	223	98%
	Sai Ying Pun Market	102	87%
	Centre Street Market	46	76%
	Smithfield Market	216	99%
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	91%
Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%	
Southern	Aberdeen Market	335	96%
	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	82%
	Tin Wan Market	180	96%
	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	87%
	Apleichau Market	63	97%
	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	85%
Islands	Tai O Market	26	88%
	Peng Chau Market	18	100%
	Mui Wo Market	35	91%
	Cheung Chau Market	240	98%
	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	100%
	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	100%
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	86%
	Shui Wo Street Market	302	98%
	Yee On Street Market	65	92%
	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	93%
	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	29	97%
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	82%

District	Name of Public Markets <sup>(a)</sup>	As at 31 December 2018	
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate <sup>(b)</sup>
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	100%
	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	95%
Kowloon City	Tokwawan Market	267	97%
	Kowloon City Market	581	95%
	Hung Hom Market	224	98%
	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	100%
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	87%
	Choi Hung Road Market	116	66%
	Tai Shing Street Market	442	93%
	Sheung Fung Street Market	71	99%
Yau Tsim Mong	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	86	69%
	Kwun Chung Market	218	85%
	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	90%
	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	92%
	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	100%
	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	97%
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	449	89%
	Pei Ho Street Market	234	99%
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	359	32%
	Lai Wan Market	42	98%
	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	28	39%
Kwai Tsing	Wing Fong Street Market	114	85%
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	15	60%
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%
	North Kwai Chung Market	222	91%
	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	100%
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	11	91%
	Tsing Yi Market	76	99%
Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	96%
	Heung Che Street Market	225	95%
	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	88%
	Tsuen Wan Market	381	89%
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	90%
Tuen Mun	Lam Tei Market	7	100%
	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	91%
	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	100%
	San Hui Market	324	98%
	Yan Oi Market	108	94%
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	100%
Yuen Long	Kam Tin Market	41	100%
	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	88%
	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	100%
	Tai Kiu Market	379	97%
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	100%

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		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate <sup>(b)</sup>
	Hung Shui Kiu Market	172	72%
	Tung Yick Market	446	41%
North	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	100%
	Shek Wu Hui Market	393	100%
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	100%
	Luen Wo Hui Market	338	99%
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	313	100%
	Plover Cove Road Market	244	82%
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market	209	91%
	Tui Min Hoi Market	34	56%
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	172	99%
	Tai Wai Market	195	85%
	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	100%
	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	100%

Remarks:

- (a) Exclusive of a market closed in February 2019.
- (b) Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls versus the total number of stalls in a market. Degree of activity of let-out stalls varies.