

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number, estimated construction cost and estimated operating cost of temporary markets to be provided in various districts in the coming 5 years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

Similar to the case of permanent markets, relevant hygiene and safety requirements will need to be fulfilled for the operation of temporary markets. Considerable amount of resources will be required to provide the basic facilities for temporary markets, such as ceiling, stall partitions, electrical installations, water supply system, drainage system, sewage system, ventilation facilities, lighting systems, fire safety system, refuse processing facilities, loading areas, etc., if they were to be built. Experience also suggests many challenges in identifying a suitable location for the provision of temporary markets. The difficulty in planning and providing temporary markets cannot be underestimated. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department currently has no plans to provide more temporary markets.

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