

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

It is mentioned in the Policy Address that \$2 billion has been earmarked in the Budget for the implementation of the Market Modernisation Programme, which has been launched with the overhaul of Aberdeen Market as the pioneering project. In this regard,

1. please provide a breakdown of the expenditure involved in the overhaul of Aberdeen Market and the anticipated completion date of the project.
2. please list the public markets covered by the Market Modernisation Programme.
3. will any arrangements (e.g. re-location, compensation) be provided for market stall operators affected by the works under the Market Modernisation Programme?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

Having regard to a preliminary assessment of existing markets and views gathered from the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has proposed that, in the first phase of the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP), a fundamental overhaul for 4 markets and refurbishment and minor improvement works for at least another 3 will be taken forward. The pioneering project of the MMP will be the overhaul of Aberdeen Market. We have been actively liaising with the tenants there and other stakeholders with a view to reaching a consensus on the way forward as soon as possible. The overhaul arrangements for Aberdeen Market will set a model for future similar projects. After the details of the Aberdeen Market project are finalised, we will kick-start other first phase projects progressively from 2019 onwards.

The capital works expenditure and recurrent costs of MMP projects can only be determined when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

As regards possible assistance to tenants of a market subject to revitalisation, the Government will fully consider relevant circumstances under the current policy.

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