

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 13 under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019-20 that the Department will continue to implement the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP) to improve the existing facilities. Given that Aberdeen Market will be the pioneering project of the MMP, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. Is the work of soliciting views of stall operators progressing well? Will it be possible to complete the local consultation exercise according to the time table provided last year, that is, within the current term of District Councils?
2. Under the latest compensation proposal, what is the estimated maximum amount of compensation offered to the stall operators? Will the amount become the benchmark for similar programmes in future?
3. There are quite a number of stall operators who are still undecided whether to leave the market or not because they wish to receive a greater amount of compensation, while residents in the Southern District hope that the overhaul works will be started soon to improve the market environment. Will the Department provide other incentives to encourage stall operators to make an early decision, so that members of the public can enjoy the convenience of the new market as soon as possible?

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The overhaul of Aberdeen Market is the pioneering project under the Market Modernisation Programme. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has been actively liaising with the market tenants and other relevant stakeholders with a view to reaching a consensus on the way forward (including any concessionary arrangements) as soon as possible. While discussion with the tenants is underway, we are not able to provide further details at this stage.

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