

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to improving municipal facilities, please provide the number of public markets installed with closed-circuit television (CCTV) against the total number of public markets in the territory.

- a) Please advise on the criteria for installing CCTV in public markets and whether there are indicators of the clarity of CCTV; if no, the reason(s).
- b) Does the Department have any plan to install CCTV in public markets with no or insufficient CCTV? If yes, will all public markets in the territory be covered? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
- c) Please provide the number of public markets managed by contractors against the total number of public markets in the territory.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

At present, close-circuit televisions (CCTVs) are installed in 39 out of the 98 public markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) for security reasons. They facilitate the surveillance of market operation, as well as early detection and deterrence of illegal activities.

With regard to operational needs, privacy consideration and availability of suitable space, CCTVs are normally installed at such locations as entrance lobbies, loading/unloading bays and passenger lifts, etc. CCTVs installed in public markets provide images clear enough to serve security purpose. In general, the Department will consider upgrading facilities in public markets, including the installation of CCTVs, taking into account operational needs and actual circumstances of individual public markets.

At present, the Department has outsourced the management of 63 out of its 98 public markets. The contractors are responsible for supporting the operation of these public markets, including day-to-day market management, cleansing and pest control. The Department deploys staff to monitor the work and performance of the contractors to ensure their compliance with the terms and conditions of the service contracts. The Department is also responsible for enforcing relevant legislation and tenancy agreements in all public markets.

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