

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to implement the Market Modernisation Programme to improve facilities of existing public markets in 2019-20. In this connection, please advise this Committee on:

1. the details of the measures and timetable of the programme; and
2. the estimated expenditure of the programme and the manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 303)

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 (the Department) has proposed that, in the first phase of 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 revitalising Aberdeen Market will also set a model for similar future projects. After the details of the Aberdeen Market project are finalised, we will kick-start other first phase projects progressively from 2019 onwards.

The Department has set up a dedicated team to take forward, among other duties, the planning and implementation of MMP projects with the support of 37 staff. The estimated expenditure to be incurred in 2019-20 is \$33.9 million. The capital works expenditure and recurrent costs of any project under the MMP can only be determined when the scope of

works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

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