

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention this year under the Programme that the Department will “take action to close public markets which are under-utilised”.

- I. What are the details of the work plan, the manpower and the estimated expenditure involved this year?
- II. Please set out the current number of stalls, occupancy rate and expenditure on management involved of individual public markets in the territory, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is conducting a comprehensive review of the usage and development potential of existing markets, with a view to formulating appropriate development plans for meeting the policy objectives of optimising land uses, benefitting the public and promoting district development.

- I. With demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time, with some having low patronage and high vacancy rates. Closing such markets may release precious land resources for more gainful uses to better serve the community. When considering whether a market is to be closed, the Department will take into account a host of factors, including the vacancy rate of the market, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, the cost-effectiveness that may be brought by the upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. When drawing up closure plans for markets, the Department will consult the District Councils and affected market tenants.

The Department closed Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market in June 2019, and plans to close Tui Min Hoi Market in 2020-21. It will continue to review the usage

and development potential of other markets, and tentatively plans to take forward the preparatory and consultation work for closure of another 4 markets. The Department has set up a dedicated team to develop new markets and take forward the Market Modernisation Programme and other reviews, including the review of the usage of existing markets. In 2020-21, there are 44 posts in the team and the estimated expenditure to be incurred is about \$40 million.

- II. The number of stalls and the occupancy rate of each public market are set out at Annex. The Department does not have breakdown on the expenditure on market management for individual public markets. The total expenditure (revised estimate) on overall management of public markets in 2019-20 is \$866 million.

District	Name of public market	As at 31 December 2019	
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate ^(a)
Eastern	Yue Wan Market	380	94%
	Chai Wan Market	174	92%
	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%
	Java Road Market	194	90%
	Electric Road Market	99	81%
	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	96%
	Quarry Bay Market	113	68%
	North Point Market	42	83%
	Aldrich Bay Market	71	87%
Wanchai	Bowrington Road Market	296	92%
	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	91%
	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	96%
	Lockhart Road Market	166	74%
	Wanchai Market	50	98%
	Causeway Bay Market	51	92%
Central/ Western	Sheung Wan Market	223	96%
	Sai Ying Pun Market	93	95%
	Centre Street Market	46	74%
	Smithfield Market	216	99%
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	88%
	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%
Southern	Aberdeen Market	335	96%
	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	82%
	Tin Wan Market	180	95%
	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	84%
	Apleichau Market	63	94%
	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	65%
Islands	Tai O Market	26	85%
	Peng Chau Market	18	94%
	Mui Wo Market	35	91%
	Cheung Chau Market	243	96%
	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	100%
	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	100%
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	85%
	Shui Wo Street Market	302	97%
	Yee On Street Market	65	63%
	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	93%
	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	29	97%
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	82%
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	100%

District	Name of public market	As at 31 December 2019	
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate ^(a)
	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	95%
Kowloon City	Tokwawan Market	267	94%
	Kowloon City Market	581	90%
	Hung Hom Market	224	97%
	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	100%
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	84%
	Choi Hung Road Market	116	59%
	Tai Shing Street Market	441	92%
	Sheung Fung Street Market	71	97%
Yau Tsim Mong	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	86	66%
	Kwun Chung Market	218	73%
	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	89%
	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	89%
	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	100%
	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	97%
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	449	87%
	Pei Ho Street Market	234	97%
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	349	33%
	Lai Wan Market	42	95%
Kwai Tsing	Wing Fong Street Market	114	76%
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	15	60%
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%
	North Kwai Chung Market	222	87%
	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	100%
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	11	91%
	Tsing Yi Market	76	93%
Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	95%
	Heung Che Street Market	225	92%
	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	81%
	Tsuen Wan Market	381	88%
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	86%
Tuen Mun	Lam Tei Market	7	100%
	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	91%
	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	100%
	San Hui Market	324	96%
	Yan Oi Market	108	94%
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	100%
Yuen Long	Kam Tin Market	41	100%
	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	72%
	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	100%
	Tai Kiu Market	379	95%
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	100%
	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	172	65%
	Tung Yick Market	446	40%

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		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate ^(a)
North	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	100%
	Shek Wu Hui Market	393	99%
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	98%
	Luen Wo Hui Market	338	99%
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	313	99%
	Plover Cove Road Market	244	78%
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market	209	89%
	Tui Min Hoi Market	34	56%
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	172	97%
	Tai Wai Market	186	91%
	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	100%
	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	100%

Remarks:

- ^(a) Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls versus the total number of stalls in a market. Degree of activity of let-out stalls varies.

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