

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

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Question:

With regard to the work to “continue to implement the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP)”, the Department submitted documents to the Legislative Council in 2019 to propose that in the first phase of the MMP, a fundamental overhaul for 4 markets and refurbishment and minor improvement works for at least another 3 would be taken forward. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- The progress of the fundamental overhaul for the 4 markets.

Fundamental overhaul		
District	Market	Progress

- The markets where refurbishment and minor improvement works will be taken forward and the progress of the works.

Refurbishment and minor improvement works		
District	Market	Progress

- In the past, a support rate of 80% among tenants was needed for undertaking the retrofitting of air-conditioning in a public market. In this regard, 11 markets have reached the threshold before the launch of the MMP. Now that the retrofitting works are affected due to the launch of the MMP, will the Department still carry on the works in the markets concerned? If yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; if no, the reason(s).

Serial no.	Name of public market	Support rate for retrofitting of air-conditioning (%)	Will the retrofitting works be continued	If yes, the estimated commencement and completion dates of the retrofitting works	Estimated expenditure	If no, the reason(s)
	Shui Wo Street Market Cooked Food Centre					
	Tai Wai Market					
	Aberdeen Market cum Cooked Food Centre					
	Ngau Tau Kok Market Cooked Food Centre					
	Shek Tong Tsui Market Cooked Food Centre					
	Quarry Bay Market Cooked Food Centre					
	Electric Road Market Cooked Food Centre					
	Fa Yuen Street Market Cooked Food Centre					
	Ngau Chi Wan Market Cooked Food Centre					
	Yeung Uk Road Market					
	Tsuen Wan Market					

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked \$2 billion for the implementation of the 10-year Market Modernisation Programme (MMP). The pioneering project of the MMP is the overhaul of Aberdeen Market. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) briefed the relevant committee of the Southern District Council on the details and progress of the project in February 2020. ArchSD is engaging consultants and will commence the work of detailed design of plan and preparation of tender documents, etc. as soon as possible. The expenditure of the works can only be accurately estimated upon completion of the design work. Upon completion of the preparatory work, we will seek funding approval from the Legislative Council as soon as possible and expect to commence the overhaul works in 2021.

At the same time, we plan to overhaul another 3 public markets in Kowloon and the New Territories and expect to take forward the consultation and preparatory work later this year. We also plan to kick-start minor refurbishment and improvement works for at least 3 other public markets in different districts across the territory. The project estimates for taking forward the above minor refurbishment and improvement works, as well as engagement of consultants and the preliminary work for the Aberdeen Market project, is about \$68 million. The estimated expenditure of these project in 2020-21 is about \$13 million.

With the implementation of the MMP, Tai Wai Market is the last public market to have air-conditioning system installation as the major part of the improvement project. The works concerned commenced in May 2019 in phases and are expected to complete in the third quarter of 2020 at a project cost of about \$110 million. As fundamental overhauls under the MMP already include retrofitting of air-conditioning systems, it is not necessary to set a threshold of tenants' support. For those public markets having the support threshold reached earlier and planned to have air-conditioning systems retrofitted, they have more potential to be accorded priority for inclusion in the MMP for an overhaul as their tenants are, to a certain extent, ready for the improvement works. We also need to consider other factors in respect of the markets, including geographical location and distribution, condition of facilities, business viability and community needs. The other information requested is set out at **Annex**.

Serial no.	Name of public market	Support rate for retrofitting of air-conditioning system (%)
1	Shui Wo Street Market Cooked Food Centre	100
2	Tai Wai Market	97.1
3	Aberdeen Market cum Cooked Food Centre	80.4
4	Ngau Tau Kok Market Cooked Food Centre	90
5	Shek Tong Tsui Market Cooked Food Centre	93.3
6	Quarry Bay Market Cooked Food Centre	100
7	Electric Road Market Cooked Food Centre	100
8	Fa Yuen Street Market Cooked Food Centre	80
9	Ngau Chi Wan Market Cooked Food Centre	100
10	Yeung Uk Road Market	81.7
11	Tsuen Wan Market	82.1

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