

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)137****(Question Serial No. 2387)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Provision for 2020-21 is \$146.7 million (7.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20. This is mainly due to creation of new posts and increased operating expenses for planning new public markets and other municipal facilities, modernisation of existing public markets, and strengthening enforcement against street obstruction. There will be a net increase of 52 posts. Please advise on the breakdown of the expenditure and the scope of duties of the new posts.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The provision for 2020-21 under Programme (3) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is \$146.7 million higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20. The expenditure for market management (including the expenditure for planning new public markets and other municipal facilities, implementing modernisation of existing public markets, enhancing outsourced service contracts, replacing equipment and maintenance works) will increase by \$100.6 million, while the expenditure for hawker control (including the expenditure for strengthening enforcement against street obstruction and support services) will increase by \$46.1 million. The above figures have covered the expenditure for the creation of new posts.

In 2020-21, there will be a net increase of 52 posts under Programme (3). Information on all the posts proposed to be created is as follows:

Scope of duties	Grade	Total annual salary
(a) To plan new public markets and other municipal facilities, and implement modernisation of existing public markets	Health Inspector	\$3.7 million
(b) To strengthen enforcement against street obstruction	Health Inspector Hawker Control Officer Motor Driver Workman I	\$20.2 million
Total		\$23.9 million

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