

**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:

It is mentioned that during 2020-21, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will:

- i. continue to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations and take forward the proposed projects. In this regard, what are the details of the projects?
- ii. continue the comprehensive review on public markets, with a view to formulating concrete improvement proposals for the management of public markets. In this regard, what are the details of the proposals?
- iii. continue to implement the Market Modernisation Programme to improve facilities of existing public markets. In this regard, what are the names of the markets concerned and the details of improvement, as well as the expenditure involved?
- iv. take action to close public markets which are under-utilised. In this regard, please provide the names of the markets to be closed.

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

- i. The Government is taking forward 7 new market projects which are at different stages of planning. They include the development of new public markets in Tin Shui Wai, Tung Chung Town Centre, Tseung Kwan O, Kwu Tung North New Development Area, Tung Chung New Town Extension and Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area as well as the establishment of a temporary market in Tin Shui Wai. The information on the projects is set out at **Annex**.
- ii. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is conducting a comprehensive review of its existing public markets and will formulate specific improvement measures for their facilities and management in a systematic manner. These include rental policy, tenancy renewal, trade mix and daily management, etc. as well as looking into ways to enhance the functions of the Market Management Consultative

Committees. We will consider adopting new operation mode for new public markets, which includes ways to enhance the role of service contractors in market management, such as formulating promotion and development strategies for markets, advising on the trade mix in markets and enforcing tenancy agreements, etc. With the aim to serve the overall interest of the community, we will listen to stakeholders' views during the process of formulating specific recommendations.

- iii. 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. FEHD 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 practicable 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 projects in 2020-21 is about \$13 million.

- iv. FEHD plans to close Tui Min Hoi Market in 2020-21. As at 31 December 2019, there were 19 stalls let out in the market, and the occupancy rate was about 56%. FEHD 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. Views from other government departments have been sought in accordance with established procedures to formulate proposals for putting the premises concerned to gainful long-term uses.

	Project	Location/Scope	Current stage of development	Expected completion date
1.	Tin Shui Wai temporary market (Tin Sau Road)	The temporary market will be built at the open space adjacent to Tin Sau Road Park using the modular integrated construction method. It is expected to provide about 40 stalls focusing on sale of fish, meat, vegetables and fruits.	Preparation of construction drawings and pre-construction works are underway.	The fourth quarter of 2020
2.	Tin Shui Wai market (a section of Tin Fuk Road)	A decked-over market will be built at the section of Tin Fuk Road near Tin Shui Wai Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Station. It is expected to provide a maximum of about 150 stalls.	The technical feasibility study is underway.	The first half of 2027
3.	Tung Chung Town Centre market (Area 6)	The market will be located on the lower floors of a commercial building to be built by a developer in Area 6 adjacent to Tung Chung MTR Station. It is expected to provide at least 100 stalls.	The technical feasibility study for the entire commercial building development project (including the public market) is underway.	To be announced upon completion of the technical feasibility study and assessment.
4.	Tseung Kwan O market	The market will be located on the lower floors of the proposed joint-user building for community facilities at Tseung Kwan O town centre.	The study and preliminary planning on the site selection for the joint-user building for community facilities (including the new public market) are underway.	To be announced upon completion of the technical feasibility study and assessment.

	Project	Location/Scope	Current stage of development	Expected completion date
5.	Kwu Tung North New Development Area market	To be confirmed upon completion of preliminary planning.	Preliminary planning is underway.	The development of the public markets will tie in with the housing development plan of the districts concerned.
6.	Tung Chung New Town Extension market			
7.	Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area market			

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