

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

1. Will the Department conduct studies on the provision of new public markets at suitable locations in the territory in 2020-21? If yes, what are the details and expenditure involved?
2. Will the Department carry out comprehensive improvement works for public markets, including full installation of air-conditioning and ventilation systems, improvement of hygiene, widening of passageways and upgrade of lighting in 2020-21? If yes, what are the details and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 190)

Reply:

1. 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**.
2. 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 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.

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.

Apart from the above projects, FEHD has been taking forward measures to improve the operating environment of public markets, including replacement of aged lifts and escalators, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire service equipment, refurbishment of external walls and toilets, etc. as appropriate. There are a total of 39 related works items which are underway or planned for 2020-21. The total project cost is about \$200 million.

	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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