

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 under this Programme, the Department will “continue the comprehensive review on public markets, with a view to formulating concrete improvement proposals for the management of public markets”. Please advise this Committee on:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower involved in conducting the review in the coming year; and
- (b) the work plan or objective in the coming year, as well as the difficulties currently faced.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

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.

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 is about \$40 million.

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