

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 to implement the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP) to improve facilities of existing public markets”. Please advise this Committee on:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower involved in implementing the MMP in the coming year; and
- (b) the markets of which the MMP project is underway, the districts in which such markets are located and the types of market facilities to be improved.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

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 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.

Subject to the situation of markets, the project scope of the MMP may include installation of air-conditioning systems; re-design and re-zoning of stalls; re-configuration of layout; drainage improvement; improvement of fire service installations, electricity supply, toilet facilities, ventilation, lighting, signage; replacement of floor tiles; provision of barrier free access; façade and external wall decoration; works for lifts and escalators, etc.

FEHD has set up a dedicated team to develop new markets and take forward the MMP and other reviews. In 2020-21, there are 44 posts in the team and the estimated expenditure is about \$40 million.

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