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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

With regard to improving municipal facilities,

(a)   how many public markets were installed with closed-circuit television (CCTV) in each of the past 3 years (from 2017-18 to 2019-20)?

(b)   nearly 60 out of some 98 public markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are not installed with CCTV.   What are the reasons?   How will the Department ensure the security of the markets concerned?

(c)   does the Government have any plan to install CCTV in public markets that currently have no or insufficient CCTV?   If yes, what are the details?   Will all public markets be covered?   If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 73)

Reply:

Close-circuit televisions (CCTVs) were installed in 39, 39 and 40 public markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for security reasons in 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively.

The outsourced service contractors are responsible for the security of the existing 97 public markets managed by the Department.   The security service contractors undertake to deploy staff to support the day-to-day security operation of markets, including patrolling, maintaining order and calling for police assistance in case of crime.   The Department deploys staff to monitor the work and performance of the contractors to ensure their compliance with the terms and conditions of the service contracts.

In general, the Department will consider upgrading facilities in public markets, including the installation of CCTVs, taking into account operational needs and actual circumstances of individual public markets.

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