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Question:

With regard to the Market Modernisation Programme which aims to improve facilities of existing public markets, please provide the implementation timetable and workflow.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson

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. 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.

In implementing the MMP, FEHD will work closely with the relevant works departments to identify potential hardware improvement options. We will consult sitting tenants on matters including hardware improvement options, temporary decanting, permanent relocation, exit arrangement as well as management improvement measures, etc. We will also report to the District Councils concerned in a timely manner, and seek funding approval for taking forward the projects according to the established mechanism.

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