

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the work to “continue to implement the Market Modernisation Programme”, according to the papers submitted to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene by the Food and Health Bureau on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive’s 2020 Policy Address, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will actively pursue the fundamental overhaul projects in 3 public markets (Yeung Uk Road Market, Ngau Tau Kok Market and Kowloon City Market) as well as minor refurbishment or improvement works for about 10 public markets. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- The progress of the fundamental overhaul for the 3 markets and the estimated expenditure involved.

Fundamental overhaul			
District	Market	Progress	Estimated expenditure

- The markets where minor refurbishment and improvement works will be taken forward, the progress of the works and the estimated expenditure involved.

Minor refurbishment and improvement works			
District	Market	Progress	Estimated expenditure

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked \$2 billion for implementing the 10-year Market Modernisation Programme. Apart from the overhaul of Aberdeen Market as the pioneering project, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is carrying out the preparatory and consultation work for the overhaul works in Yeung Uk Road Market, Ngau Tau Kok Market and Kowloon City Market, including arranging small group meetings with tenants, briefings for the relevant Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) on the projects, etc., to collect their views, with a view to reaching a consensus with tenants as soon as possible. Upon ascertaining the scope of works, the Department will conduct technical feasibility studies with relevant departments. The works timetable and project cost will be confirmed upon completion of the technical feasibility studies and assessment as well as detailed design. The Department will continue to maintain close liaison with stakeholders (including the tenants) during the process and report to the relevant District Councils in a timely manner having regard to the work progress.

In addition, the Department has consulted and obtained the support of the relevant MMCCs on the minor refurbishment or improvement works for 11 markets (including Ngau Tau Kok Market, Yeung Uk Road Market, Luen Wo Hui Market, Fa Yuen Street Market, Quarry Bay Market, Shui Wo Street Market, Tsuen Wan Market, Mong Kok Cooked Food Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Shek Tong Tsui Market and Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market). Works in 10 markets have commenced and preparation work for the remaining one is underway. The project estimates for taking forward the above minor refurbishment and improvement works are about \$88 million in total. The estimated expenditure of these projects in 2021-22 is about \$32 million.

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