

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)179****(Question Serial No. 2077)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the work of closing public markets which are under-utilised, please set out as per the table below the number and details of public markets planned to be closed:

District	Name of public market	Progress of work	Anticipated date of closure	Estimated expenditure	Use of the land after closure of the market

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 69)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department plans to close Choi Hung Road Market in Wong Tai Sin District in 2021-22 and already received the forms for confirmation of intention from all tenants in November 2020. The market is expected to be closed in March 2022. It is estimated that the closure will result in reduction of annual operating cost of about \$8 million. According to the Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address, the Development Bureau, together with the Home Affairs Bureau, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Planning Department, would commence studying the overall planning and long-term development of the Choi Hung Road Playground and Sports Centre (including Choi Hung Road Market) site to improve recreational and sports facilities and integrate other uses under the principle of "single site, multiple use" to make better use of land resources and meeting societal needs at the same time. The above study has commenced, in which the detailed uses and timetable will be considered at the same time.

The Department will continue to review the usage and development potential of other markets and tentatively plans to take forward the preparatory and consultation work for closure of another 4 markets. Views from other government departments have been sought in accordance with established procedures to formulate proposals for putting the premises concerned to gainful long-term uses.

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