

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Ms Irene YOUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Electronic payment is fast and convenient. Under the pandemic, it is also in line with the public health perspective and can serve as an anti-epidemic measure to safeguard public health while promoting smart city development at the same time. Hence, the Government has launched a subsidy scheme to promote contactless payment in public markets under the Anti-epidemic Fund. A one-off subsidy of \$5,000 was provided for eligible market stall tenants.

Regarding electronic payment in markets, please advise this Committee of the following in the past 2 financial years:

- (a) Please set out in tabular form the number of stalls currently in operation in each public market.
- (b) Please set out in tabular form the number of stalls currently in operation in each public market which have installed electronic payment devices. What is the respective number of stalls which have installed Octopus, WeChat Pay, AlipayHK or other electronic payment apps?
- (c) What are the expenditure and manpower involved in the promotion and implementation of electronic payment in markets?
- (d) Has the Department assessed the effectiveness of promoting and implementing electronic payment in markets? If yes, what are the outcomes? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

- (a)&(b) The number of let-out stalls in each public market and licensed hawkers, as well as the number of public market stalls and hawkers installed with contactless payment facilities are provided at Annexes I and II.

- (c) To promote contactless payment and reduce the risk of virus transmission in public markets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department launched a subsidy scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund (first round of subsidy scheme) in October 2020. A one-off subsidy of \$5,000 was provided for eligible market stall tenants. During the promotion and application period, the Department held briefings for various contactless payment service providers and representatives of market traders, and arranged for relevant service providers to visit around 90 public markets to explain the contents of their service plans to stall tenants and promote their plans. Relevant messages were disseminated through promotional leaflets and Facebook posts of mascot Keep Clean Ambassador Ah Tak, as well as advertorials published on newspapers. Moreover, gift redemption programmes were launched at a number of markets in various districts to encourage patrons to use contactless payment means when shopping.

The Government launched the second round of subsidy scheme for the promotion of contactless payment in public markets under the Anti-epidemic Fund in April 2021, and extended the scope to cover licensed hawkers. A one-off subsidy of \$5,000 was provided for eligible market stall tenants and licensed hawkers.

Under the second round of subsidy scheme, the Department conducted a series of publicity and promotional activities, including distributing leaflets to market stall tenants and licensed hawkers at markets and hawker areas, explaining to them the benefits of using contactless payment, exchanging views with them and answering their enquiries, and assisting them to apply for the subsidy on site.

In the past two financial years, the total expenditure for the above promotion activities was about \$520,000. The work involved was absorbed by the manpower for daily management of public markets. The Department does not maintain a breakdown of the manpower for promotion of contactless payment.

- (d) Under the above two rounds of subsidy scheme, a total of 4 766 applications were approved, of which 3 180 applications were from market stall tenants and 1 586 applications from hawkers. Promotion of contactless payment is one of the future development directions of public markets. New public markets and overhauled or redeveloped public markets under the Market Modernisation Programme will follow this direction and promote the use of contactless payment. For instance, contactless payment facilities were fully in place at FEHD Skylight Market in Tin Shui Wai, which was commissioned in end-2020. As for existing market stalls, the Department is exploring the feasibility of requiring tenants to install contactless payment devices when they are open for rental or when the tenancy agreements are due for renewal.

**Number of public market stalls and number of stalls with contactless payment facilities installed**

Serial number	Name of market	As at 31 December 2021				
		Number of let-out stalls	Number of contactless payment facilities installed			
			WeChat Pay	Alipay	Octopus	Other contactless payment facilities <sup>Note</sup>
1	Yue Wan Market	355	39	8	0	16
2	Chai Wan Market	160	18	4	0	2
3	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	10	0	0	0	0
4	Java Road Market	180	42	0	0	6
5	Electric Road Market	76	18	0	0	1
6	Sai Wan Ho Market	265	31	8	1	4
7	Quarry Bay Market	73	17	1	3	1
8	North Point Market	36	0	0	0	5
9	Aldrich Bay Market	61	34	1	0	7
10	Bowrington Road Market	267	12	10	0	28
11	Tang Lung Chau Market	28	1	2	0	4
12	Wong Nai Chung Market	67	7	2	0	3
13	Lockhart Road Market	131	11	8	1	11
14	Wan Chai Market	49	4	0	0	2
15	Causeway Bay Market	51	2	0	0	0
16	Sheung Wan Market	216	19	20	1	1
17	Sai Ying Pun Market	83	4	8	0	4
18	Centre Street Market	34	2	3	0	9
19	Smithfield Market	213	25	4	0	7
20	Shek Tong Tsui Market	136	12	4	0	6

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21	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	3	1	1	0
22	Aberdeen Market	0	64	7	0	11
23	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	22	3	0	0	0
24	Tin Wan Market	173	29	0	0	21
25	Yue Kwong Road Market	176	9	1	1	3
26	Ap Lei Chau Market	60	10	2	1	3
27	Stanley Waterfront Mart	12	3	2	1	1
28	Tai O Market	24	0	0	0	0
29	Peng Chau Market	16	0	0	0	1
30	Mui Wo Market	35	14	0	2	0
31	Cheung Chau Market	234	65	5	2	0
32	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	6	2	0	0
33	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	6	0	0	0
34	Ngau Tau Kok Market	390	96	7	2	0
35	Shui Wo Street Market	290	77	5	2	2
36	Yee On Street Market	35	9	2	0	0
37	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	51	6	0	0	1
38	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	26	1	0	0	0
39	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	14	1	0	0	0

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40	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	0	0	0	0
41	Lei Yue Mun Market	18	10	0	0	1
42	To Kwa Wan Market	255	125	35	1	4
43	Kowloon City Market	511	82	125	1	2
44	Hung Hom Market	216	27	22	15	4
45	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	2	0	0	0
46	Ngau Chi Wan Market	328	60	4	2	5
47	Choi Hung Road Market	57	11	3	0	1
48	Tai Shing Street Market	396	59	32	6	4
49	Sheung Fung Street Market	68	17	0	0	0
50	Fa Yuen Street Market	157	7	8	5	8
51	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	0	1	2	0
52	Tai Kok Tsui Market	130	19	27	0	6
53	Po On Road Market	400	73	5	1	0
54	Pei Ho Street Market	229	20	1	2	0
55	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	122	70	5	4	1
56	Lai Wan Market	40	1	0	0	1
57	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	55	5	0	1	0
58	Kwun Chung Market	140	28	8	0	35

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59	Yau Ma Tei Market	123	43	6	1	2
60	Wing Fong Street Market	100	7	0	0	17
61	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	9	0	0	0	2
62	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	14	5	0	0	1
63	North Kwai Chung Market	192	26	0	0	16
64	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	0	0	0	9
65	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	10	0	0	0	1
66	Tsing Yi Market	73	4	0	0	11
67	Yeung Uk Road Market	294	36	13	0	2
68	Heung Che Street Market	209	57	10	0	5
69	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	25	5	0	0	0
70	Tsuen Wan Market	331	32	24	6	19
71	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	28	0	0	0	2
72	Lam Tei Market	2	0	0	0	0
73	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	8	0	2	1	0
74	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	0	0	0	1
75	San Hui Market	303	61	31	3	1
76	Yan Oi Market	103	4	5	0	10
77	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	5	1	0	0
78	Kam Tin Market	39	1	0	0	0

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79	Lau Fau Shan Market	17	0	0	0	0
80	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	2	0	0	0
81	Tai Kiu Market	366	74	10	16	5
82	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	2	1	0	1
83	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	1	0	0	0
84	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	108	4	1	0	4
85	Tung Yick Market	172	18	10	0	2
86	FEHD Skylight Market	36	10	11	8	2
87	Sha Tau Kok Market	65	0	0	0	0
88	Shek Wu Hui Market	390	32	16	5	15
89	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	96	7	0	0	1
90	Luen Wo Hui Market	336	49	49	3	31
91	Tai Po Hui Market	307	27	17	11	14
92	Plover Cove Road Market	189	17	2	4	25
93	Sai Kung Market	203	66	10	3	0
94	Sha Tin Market	170	17	8	0	41
95	Tai Wai Market	174	12	9	3	15
96	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	1	0	0	0
97	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	0	0	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11 878</b>	<b>1 941</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>488</b>

Note:

Including Faster Payment System, UnionPay QuickPass, BoC Pay, PayMe, Tap & Go or TNG Wallet.



**Number of hawker stalls with contactless payment facilities installed**

<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>				
<b>Number of licensed hawkers</b>	<b>Number of contactless payment facilities installed</b>			
	<b>WeChat Pay</b>	<b>Alipay</b>	<b>Octopus</b>	<b>Other contactless payment facilities<sup>Note</sup></b>
<b>5 598</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 586</b>			

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