

**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

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

One of the aims of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is to enhance viability of existing public markets. Fast and convenient, electronic payment can promote smart city development at the same time. 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 3 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 are the respective numbers 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.: 2)

Reply:

- (a)&(b) The number of stalls in operation in each public market, as well as the number of public market stalls installed with contactless payment facilities are provided at Annex I.

- (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. Visits to around 90 public markets were arranged for service providers to explain the contents of their service plans to stall tenants and promote their plans. Meanwhile, relevant messages were disseminated through promotional leaflets and social media posts, as well as advertorials published on newspapers. Gift redemption programmes were also 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. 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 promotional and publicity activities, including distributing leaflets to market stall tenants and licensed hawkers, explaining to them the benefits of using contactless payment, exchanging views with them and answering their enquiries, as well as assisting them to apply for the subsidy on site.

In the 2 financial years of 2020-21 and 2021-22, 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 keep a breakdown of the manpower for the promotion of contactless payment.

- (d) Under the above 2 rounds of subsidy scheme, a total of 3 180 applications relating to market stalls were approved. Stall tenants in new public markets and overhauled or redeveloped public markets under the Market Modernisation Programme, such as FEHD Skylight Market in Tin Shui Wai commissioned in end-2020, the newly commissioned Sunlight Market, as well as Aberdeen Market, of which the overhaul is about to complete, are required to provide contactless payment facilities. As for the existing market stalls, the Department is pleased to see that consumers are served by a multiplicity of payment options, and market stall tenants are encouraged to use contactless payment means for transactions through market forces.

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

Serial number	Name of market	As at 1 February 2023				
		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	349	36	63	10	7
2	Chai Wan Market	146	24	18	4	0
3	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	10	3	0	0	0
4	Java Road Market	168	39	44	13	0
5	Electric Road Market	73	8	8	5	0
6	Sai Wan Ho Market	265	6	4	8	5
7	Quarry Bay Market	65	9	3	2	2
8	North Point Market	36	20	18	19	0
9	Aldrich Bay Market	58	31	12	8	0
10	Bowrington Road Market	260	37	41	13	0
11	Tang Lung Chau Market	27	3	4	0	2
12	Wong Nai Chung Market	65	10	7	4	0
13	Lockhart Road Market	124	22	20	1	2
14	Wan Chai Market	50	3	4	2	0
15	Causeway Bay Market	51	2	0	0	0
16	Sheung Wan Market	212	39	22	3	3
17	Sai Ying Pun Market	83	16	12	1	5
18	Centre Street Market	33	10	8	0	12
19	Smithfield Market	212	37	11	4	8

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20	Shek Tong Tsui Market	128	20	10	1	6
21	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	3	1	2	0
22	Aberdeen Market	Overhaul works are about to complete				
23	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	22	3	0	0	0
24	Tin Wan Market	164	44	15	0	21
25	Yue Kwong Road Market	177	12	4	1	3
26	Ap Lei Chau Market	59	12	5	1	6
27	Stanley Waterfront Mart	14	6	2	2	9
28	Tai O Market	25	0	0	0	0
29	Peng Chau Market	16	0	0	0	0
30	Mui Wo Market	35	12	0	1	0
31	Cheung Chau Market	233	60	2	1	0
32	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	4	0	0	2
33	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	16	6	0	0	0
34	Ngau Tau Kok Market	380	95	0	2	0
35	Shui Wo Street Market	286	76	4	2	2
36	Yee On Street Market	33	7	2	0	0
37	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	51	11	11	14	0
38	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	21	2	1	1	0

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39	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	14	0	0	0	0
40	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	0	1	0	0
41	Lei Yue Mun Market	18	10	3	2	0
42	To Kwa Wan Market	245	0	0	0	0
43	Kowloon City Market	501	281	200	44	10
44	Hung Hom Market	219	0	0	0	0
45	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	0	0	0	0
46	Ngau Chi Wan Market	325	66	3	1	6
47	Tai Shing Street Market	392	90	35	13	7
48	Sheung Fung Street Market	78	17	0	0	0
49	Fa Yuen Street Market	157	33	20	7	6
50	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	4	1	4	0
51	Tai Kok Tsui Market	127	68	51	11	11
52	Po On Road Market	384	42	27	35	7
53	Pei Ho Street Market	225	34	29	30	0
54	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	119	49	0	0	5
55	Lai Wan Market	Currently closed for overhaul works				
56	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	56	5	0	1	0
57	Kwun Chung Market	140	38	18	0	35

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58	Yau Ma Tei Market	121	48	16	1	5
59	Wing Fong Street Market	92	14	1	3	8
60	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	9	3	3	3	0
61	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	14	1	2	3	5
62	North Kwai Chung Market	201	8	4	5	27
63	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	9	3	1	0	0
64	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	10	2	3	3	0
65	Tsing Yi Market	73	8	1	3	5
66	Yeung Uk Road Market	287	35	10	0	5
67	Heung Che Street Market	210	54	10	0	8
68	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	25	5	0	0	0
69	Tsuen Wan Market	332	26	6	5	45
70	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	28	0	0	0	2
71	Lam Tei Market	7	0	0	0	0
72	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	8	1	0	0	0
73	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	0	0	0	0
74	San Hui Market	313	29	4	1	2
75	Yan Oi Market	103	3	1	0	4
76	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	17	3	0	0	0

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77	Kam Tin Market	39	1	0	0	0
78	Lau Fau Shan Market	17	0	0	0	0
79	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	2	0	0	0
80	Tai Kiu Market	366	74	7	6	7
81	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	2	1	0	1
82	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	1	0	0	0
83	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	95	4	1	0	4
84	Tung Yick Market	171	30	10	0	2
85	FEHD Skylight Market	36	11	11	9	5
86	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	0	0	0	0
87	Shek Wu Hui Market	390	58	26	4	30
88	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	93	8	1	1	2
89	Luen Wo Hui Market	333	105	59	12	45
90	Tai Po Hui Market	311	27	30	16	3
91	Plover Cove Road Market	190	20	18	9	9
92	Sai Kung Market	199	65	10	3	1
93	Sha Tin Market	169	61	49	1	45
94	Tai Wai Market	182	33	24	9	18
95	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	1	0	0	0

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96	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	1	1	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11 631</b>	<b>2 212</b>	<b>1 054</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>471</b>

Note:

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

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