

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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Question:

On the management of public markets,

- i. please set out the current number of stalls in, as well as the occupancy rate and management expenditure of individual public markets in the territory, with a breakdown by District Council district; and
- ii. which public market(s) is/are expected to be closed by the Government under the existing plan? What is the relevant timetable for closure?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

- i. The number of stalls and the occupancy rate of individual public markets are set out at Annex. The overall expenditure (revised estimate) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on the management of public markets in 2023-24 is \$1.0516 billion. FEHD does not maintain a breakdown of the management expenditure of individual public markets.
- ii. With demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some long-established public markets/cooked food markets (CFMs) has been diminishing over time with low patronage and high vacancy rates. With a view to optimising land use, FEHD has been closely monitoring the utilisation of existing markets/CFMs and considering closing or consolidating under-utilised markets/CFMs, so that the sites could be vacated for other better development, thereby benefitting the public. Various factors will be taken into consideration, including the vacancy rate, room for improvement, availability of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, possible cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the local community.

FEHD has commenced the preparatory and consultation work for the closure of 4 markets/CFMs. The details are as follows:

- (1) In September 2021, FEHD consulted the relevant committee of Central and Western District Council on the consolidation of Centre Street Market and Sai Ying Pun Market so as to vacate Centre Street Market for the Health Bureau to set up medical and healthcare-related facilities. The actual date of closure is to be confirmed;
- (2) In October 2021, the Government Property Agency consulted the relevant committee of Sha Tin District Council on the initial user mix of the proposed joint-user complex at Shan Mei Street in Fo Tan. Both Fo Tan (East) CFM and Fo Tan (West) CFM will be closed and the sites will be vacated to make way for the aforementioned development project. The actual date of closure is to be confirmed; and
- (3) It was announced in the 2023-24 Budget that the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau had been examining the conversion of Kwun Chung Market to an urban sports centre. FEHD is providing full support and will maintain communication with the relevant stakeholders (including tenants in Kwun Chung Market) during the process to work out the appropriate arrangements regarding the closure of the market.

**Number of stalls and occupancy rate in markets/CFMs  
(As at 31 December 2023)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Name of market</b>	<b>Number of stalls</b>	<b>Occupancy rate<sup>a</sup></b>
Eastern	Yue Wan Market	380	89%
	Chai Wan Market	174	84%
	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	91%
	Java Road Market	194	77%
	Electric Road Market	99	63%
	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	91%
	Quarry Bay Market	113	54%
	North Point Market	42	95%
	Aldrich Bay Market	71	77%
Wan Chai	Bowrington Road Market	296	87%
	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	74%
	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	88%
	Lockhart Road Market	166	74%
	Wan Chai Market	50	100%
	Causeway Bay Market	51	96%
Central and Western	Sheung Wan Market	223	93%
	Sai Ying Pun Market	93	85%
	Centre Street Market	46	72%
	Smithfield Market	216	96%
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	82%
	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%
Southern	Aberdeen Market	137	84%
	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	71%
	Tin Wan Market	180	86%
	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	84%
	Ap Lei Chau Market	63	97%
	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	65%

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Islands	Tai O Market	26	88%
	Peng Chau Market	18	89%
	Mui Wo Market	35	97%
	Cheung Chau Market	243	95%
	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	100%
	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	94%
	FEHD Sunlight Market <sup>b</sup>	36	78%
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	80%
	Shui Wo Street Market	302	91%
	Yee On Street Market	65	46%
	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	95%
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	65%
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	100%
	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	90%
Kowloon City	To Kwa Wan Market	267	88%
	Kowloon City Market	581	83%
	Hung Hom Market	224	96%
	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	100%
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	80%
	Tai Shing Street Market	442	87%
	Sheung Fung Street Market	83	89%
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	82%
	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	86%
	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	90%
	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	77	75%
	Kwun Chung Market	218	63%
	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	83%
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	450	81%
	Pei Ho Street Market	234	93%
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	244	65%
	Lai Wan Market <sup>c</sup>	30	Not applicable

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Kwai Tsing	Wing Fong Street Market	114	75%
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	14	64%
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	78%
	North Kwai Chung Market	222	87%
	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	75%
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	11	91%
	Tsing Yi Market	76	95%
Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	89%
	Heung Che Street Market	225	96%
	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	75%
	Tsuen Wan Market	370	87%
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	93%
Tuen Mun	Lam Tei Market	7	100%
	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	73%
	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	100%
	San Hui Market	324	95%
	Yan Oi Market	108	93%
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	94%
Yuen Long	Kam Tin Market	40	98%
	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	68%
	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	100%
	Tai Kiu Market	379	93%
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	100%
	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	172	52%
	Tung Yick Market	446	38%
	FEHD Skylight Market	36	97%

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Northern	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	98%
	Shek Wu Hui Market	393	98%
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	93%
	Luen Wo Hui Market	338	97%
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	313	99%
	Plover Cove Road Market	244	76%
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market	209	90%
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	172	96%
	Tai Wai Market	184	94%
	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	100%
	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	100%

Remarks:

- <sup>a</sup> Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls out of the total number of stalls in a market. The degree of activity of let-out stalls varies.
- <sup>b</sup> FEHD Sunlight Market in Tung Chung was commissioned in March 2023.
- <sup>c</sup> The overhaul works of Lai Wan Market commenced in February 2023, and the market was re-opened in February 2024 after the overhaul works. Therefore, the occupancy rate as at 31 December 2023 was not applicable.

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