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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

With regard to the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP), please advise this Committee of the following:

- i. What are the details of all the overhaul or redevelopment projects under the MMP (number of original stalls, number of stalls after overhaul, area of new market, major new facilities, etc.), the progress and the expenditures involved in the past 3 years?
- ii. Please set out the redevelopment projects, overhaul projects and minor refurbishment and improvement works being planned by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the estimated expenditures, timetables and details of works, and the expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yau (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

- i. In the past 3 financial years (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24), 2 overhaul or redevelopment projects in public markets were carried out under the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP). Details are as follows:

Name of public market	Details	Progress	Works expenditure
Aberdeen Market	Original number of stalls: 335 Number of stalls after overhaul: 142 Area of market: Approximately 6 178 square metres Details of works: An overhaul which included re-configuring the overall layout of the market, enhancing the stall design, re-planning the escalators and entrances, widening the passageways, installing air-conditioning system, improving	Officially re-opened in May 2023	Around \$254 million

Name of public market	Details	Progress	Works expenditure
	drainage facilities, installing new lifts, re-planning the ventilation equipment in the market, refurbishing the façade of the market, refurbishing the waste room, providing more public space and seating, baby care room and breast-feeding room, as well as toilets, providing a carcass storage room and recycling facilities, reprovisioning Government Wi-Fi service, as well as upgrading the barrier-free facilities and rodent-proof installations, etc.		
Lai Wan Market	Original number of stalls: 42 Number of stalls after overhaul: 30 Area of market: Approximately 1 600 square metres Details of works: An overhaul which included re-configuring the overall layout of the market, enhancing the stall design, widening the passageways, installing false ceilings, installing air-conditioning system, improving drainage facilities, re-planning the ventilation equipment in the market, refurbishing the waste room, providing more public space, seating and toilets, providing a carcass storage room and recycling facilities, reprovisioning Government Wi-Fi service, as well as upgrading the barrier-free facilities and rodent-proof installations, etc.	Officially re-opened in March 2024	Around \$46.77 million

- ii. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is taking forward the MMP, including overhaul or redevelopment projects, the pilot scheme on stall enhancement, as well as minor refurbishment or improvement works.

Regarding overhaul or redevelopment projects, the Department is carrying out the preparatory and consultation work, including technical feasibility studies upon confirmation of the scope of works, for the proposed projects of Ngau Tau Kok Market, Kowloon City Market, Yeung Uk Road Market and North Kwai Chung Market. The works timetable and project costs could only be confirmed upon completion of the technical feasibility studies and assessment as well as the detailed design. Depending on the circumstances, the scope of overhaul works generally includes re-configuring the overall layout of the market, re-planning the stalls, widening the passageways, installing

air-conditioning system, upgrading building services installations, relaying drainage pipes, refurbishing the external walls of the market, refurbishing waste room and other improvement works (e.g. providing more public space and seating, increasing the number of toilets and improving the toilet facilities, upgrading barrier-free facilities and the rodent-proof installations, etc.). As for the preliminary suggestion of carrying out overhaul for Causeway Bay Market, the Department is maintaining close communication with the relevant stakeholders to gauge their views with a view to formulating a suitable proposal.

The Department is implementing a pilot scheme to enhance market stalls and carry out auxiliary renovation works. This involves works such as widening of passageways, beautification of walls and ceilings, as well as replacement or repair of simple equipment according to actual circumstances and needs. The first venue under the pilot scheme is Queen Street Cooked Food Market, with a project estimate of about \$9.5 million. The works commenced in February 2024 and are expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2024. The Department will confirm the other venues under the pilot scheme as soon as possible.

As for minor refurbishment or improvement works, the Department has carried out the relevant works in 16 markets. Among which, the works in 14 markets (including Ngau Tau Kok Market, Yeung Uk Road 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, Yan Oi Market, Sai Kung Market, Po On Road Market, Wong Nai Chung Market and Smithfield Market) have been completed. The works of the other 2 markets (Luen Wo Hui Market and Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market) are underway, with completion expected in 2024. The project estimates for taking forward the minor refurbishment or improvement works for these 2 markets are about \$53.22 million in total. Depending on the circumstances, the scope of minor refurbishment or improvement works generally includes renovation of internal facilities, beautification of external walls, replacement of floor tiles, repainting, repairing facilities, refurbishing the toilets, maintenance of drainage systems and piping, as well as provision of rodent-proof installations, etc.

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