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Question:

With regard to public market facilities, please advise this Committee of:

1. the new market projects that have been included in the Market Modernisation Programme, and the estimated cost and expected completion date of each project; and
2. the location, estimated project cost, and expected commencement and completion dates of the new public market facilities that have been planned.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Man-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is taking forward the Market Modernisation Programme (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, Aberdeen Market and Lai Wan Market officially re-opened in May 2023 and March 2024 respectively after overhaul works. The project costs are about \$254 million and \$46.77 million respectively. In addition, the Department is carrying out the preparatory and consultation work, including technical feasibility studies upon confirmation of the scope of works, for the proposed overhaul or redevelopment 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. 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.

For stall enhancement projects, the Department is implementing a pilot scheme to enhance market stalls and carry out auxiliary renovation works. 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 16 afore-mentioned minor refurbishment or improvement works are about \$87.64 million in total.

2. The Government is taking forward a number of new market projects that are at different planning stages:
 - (i) Construction of the new market in Tin Shui Wai commenced in late December 2022 and is expected to be completed by the second half of 2027 at the earliest. The estimated cost of the project is about \$1.499 billion in money-of-the-day prices.
 - (ii) Endorsement of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council has been obtained for the construction of a Joint-user Complex with Market in Area 67 of Tseung Kwan O. Subject to the Finance Committee's (FC) funding approval, the works will commence as soon as possible and are expected to be completed in around 4.5 years. The estimated cost of the entire project (including public market, medical and health facilities and social welfare facilities, etc.) is about \$3.25 billion in money-of-the-day prices.
 - (iii) The Government is inviting tender for the construction of the market in Kwu Tung North New Development Area (NDA), and plans to seek funding approval from the FC in mid-2024. The estimated cost of the project is to be confirmed upon completion of the tender exercise.

The Government will consider the actual needs of NDAs and New Town Extension, and depending on the circumstances, implement new market projects in a timely manner.

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