

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

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

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. Regarding electronic payment in markets 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.
- (c) please set out in tabular form the respective number of stalls in each public market which have installed Octopus, WeChat Pay, AlipayHK or other electronic payment apps.
- (d) what are the expenditure and manpower involved in the promotion and implementation of electronic payment in markets?
- (e) 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) to (c) The number of stalls in operation in each public market, the number of public market stalls installed with contactless payment facilities, as well as the types of contactless payment facilities installed are at Annex I.
- (d) 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 every eligible market stall tenant.

Under the second round of subsidy scheme, the Department conducted a series of promotional and publicity activities, including distributing leaflets to market stall tenants, 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.

- (e) 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 at the end of 2020, Sunlight Market in Tung Chung commissioned in March 2023, as well as Aberdeen Market and Lai Wan Market which were overhauled and reopened in March 2023 and February 2024 respectively, are required to provide at least 1 type of contactless payment facility according to the terms and conditions of the tenancy agreement. 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 prompted 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 31 December 2023				
		Number of let-out stalls	Number of contactless payment facilities installed			
			WeChat Pay	Alipay	Octopus	Other contactless payment facilities ^{Note}
1	Yue Wan Market	339	20	20	0	0
2	Chai Wan Market	146	10	10	9	0
3	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	10	0	0	0	0
4	Java Road Market	149	56	59	23	6
5	Electric Road Market	62	12	14	2	0
6	Sai Wan Ho Market	250	13	16	11	4
7	Quarry Bay Market	61	8	6	2	2
8	North Point Market	40	19	18	15	0
9	Aldrich Bay Market	55	29	22	4	2
10	Bowrington Road Market	257	34	39	14	0
11	Tang Lung Chau Market	25	3	5	0	2
12	Wong Nai Chung Market	61	12	9	4	0
13	Lockhart Road Market	123	21	21	2	2
14	Wan Chai Market	50	4	6	3	0
15	Causeway Bay Market	49	2	0	0	0
16	Sheung Wan Market	207	37	20	3	3
17	Sai Ying Pun Market	79	16	12	1	4
18	Centre Street Market	33	10	8	0	12
19	Smithfield Market	207	36	11	4	6

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20	Shek Tong Tsui Market	124	19	9	1	4
21	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	3	1	2	0
22	Aberdeen Market	115	36	29	62	24
23	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	20	2	2	1	0
24	Tin Wan Market	155	19	29	5	1
25	Yue Kwong Road Market	165	1	1	2	1
26	Ap Lei Chau Market	61	2	3	2	0
27	Stanley Waterfront Mart	13	9	9	9	9
28	Tai O Market	23	0	0	0	0
29	Peng Chau Market	16	1	0	1	0
30	Mui Wo Market	34	4	3	1	7
31	Cheung Chau Market	231	36	29	31	0
32	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	3	9	0	0
33	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	16	5	6	4	0
34	FEHD Sunlight Market	28	3	2	26	0
35	Ngau Tau Kok Market	372	109	24	7	3
36	Shui Wo Street Market	275	84	39	6	3
37	Yee On Street Market	30	12	12	3	0
38	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	53	25	26	16	18
39	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	11	0	0	0	0

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40	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	0	4	0	4
41	Lei Yue Mun Market	18	6	2	2	2
42	To Kwa Wan Market	234	148	88	5	10
43	Kowloon City Market	484	79	66	10	0
44	Hung Hom Market	216	36	40	29	2
45	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	0	0	0	0
46	Ngau Chi Wan Market	322	55	0	0	4
47	Tai Shing Street Market	386	93	40	2	8
48	Sheung Fung Street Market	74	17	0	0	0
49	Fa Yuen Street Market	148	13	13	3	0
50	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	12	4	5	10	0
51	Tai Kok Tsui Market	122	74	47	35	0
52	Po On Road Market	366	46	28	29	4
53	Pei Ho Street Market	218	39	27	44	5
54	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	159	44	9	0	5
55	Lai Wan Market	Currently closed for overhaul works				
56	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	58	25	25	14	4
57	Kwun Chung Market	138	8	49	17	0
58	Yau Ma Tei Market	119	16	23	8	0

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59	Wing Fong Street Market	86	20	20	14	1
60	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	9	3	3	3	3
61	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	14	2	4	8	4
62	North Kwai Chung Market	193	6	17	8	6
63	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	9	7	0	0	0
64	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	10	1	1	2	0
65	Tsing Yi Market	72	23	28	25	1
66	Yeung Uk Road Market	282	44	9	3	5
67	Heung Che Street Market	216	60	11	0	5
68	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	24	8	0	0	0
69	Tsuen Wan Market	322	38	21	15	17
70	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	27	5	4	0	4
71	Lam Tei Market	7	3	3	3	3
72	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	8	1	0	0	1
73	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	1	1	1	0
74	San Hui Market	309	45	31	24	1
75	Yan Oi Market	100	6	5	1	1
76	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	17	4	1	1	0
77	Kam Tin Market	39	0	1	0	0

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78	Lau Fau Shan Market	17	0	0	0	0
79	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	2	2	0	0
80	Tai Kiu Market	351	29	34	22	0
81	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	3	4	2	1
82	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	0	0	0	0
83	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	90	6	4	0	1
84	Tung Yick Market	168	19	9	0	0
85	FEHD Skylight Market	35	29	24	15	0
86	Sha Tau Kok Market	65	0	0	0	0
87	Shek Wu Hui Market	384	27	27	15	0
88	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	91	4	3	2	0
89	Luen Wo Hui Market	329	144	113	51	4
90	Tai Po Hui Market	310	24	23	13	4
91	Plover Cove Road Market	185	5	16	7	1
92	Sai Kung Market	188	65	59	19	5
93	Sha Tin Market	165	42	42	11	0
94	Tai Wai Market	173	32	32	8	0
95	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	1	2	2	0
96	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	3	2	0	0

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	Total	11 468	2 130	1 551	759	229

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

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