

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009-10, the Department will consider further extending the scheme on contracting out market management to other districts. Please provide details, including the time frame for extension of the scheme and the savings in manpower and expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2009-10, we will contract out the management of eight markets in total in Tai Po District and Islands District in July and October respectively. After contracting out these eight markets, there will be a total of 65 public markets managed by contractors in the private sector.
- (2) We expect manpower savings of 17 staff from the above contracting out exercise for the eight markets. The staff concerned will be gainfully redeployed. Currently, we are not able to specify the savings in expenditure, as the tender exercise has yet to commence and the tender price is not known.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 17.3.2009