

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will take action to close public markets which are under-utilised. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

1. the number of stalls and occupancy rate in each public market at present;
2. the factors taken into account when deciding to close a public market or convert it for other purposes, as well as the relevant timetable; and
3. the amount of management expenditure that can be saved by closing public markets.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

1. The number of stalls and the occupancy rate of individual public markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) as at 31 December 2024 are set out in **Annex**.
2. 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 better development by other departments, thereby benefitting the public. To determine the relevant arrangements, including the future use and development timetable, 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 will, in accordance with the established procedures of the Government, seek views from the relevant departments, including the Planning Department and the Lands Department, to formulate proposals for putting the relevant premises or sites to gainful long-term uses.

3. The overall expenditure (revised estimate) of FEHD on the management of public markets in 2024-25 is \$1.1363 billion. FEHD does not maintain a breakdown of the management expenditure of individual public markets.

**Number of stalls and occupancy rate in markets/CFMs
(as at 31 December 2024)**

District	Name of public market	Number of stalls	Occupancy rate*
Eastern	Yue Wan Market	380	85%
	Chai Wan Market	174	81%
	Kut Shing Street CFM	11	82%
	Java Road Market	194	69%
	Electric Road Market	99	60%
	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	91%
	Quarry Bay Market	113	49%
	North Point Market	42	81%
	Aldrich Bay Market	71	72%
Wan Chai	Bowrington Road Market	296	84%
	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	74%
	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	80%
	Lockhart Road Market	166	75%
	Wan Chai Market	50	98%
	Causeway Bay Market	51	96%
Central and Western	Sheung Wan Market	223	89%
	Sai Ying Pun Market	93	83%
	Centre Street Market	46	72%
	Smithfield Market	216	96%
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	87%
	Queen Street CFM	11	100%
Southern	Aberdeen Market	137	83%
	Nam Long Shan Road CFM	28	61%
	Tin Wan Market	180	82%
	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	73%
	Ap Lei Chau Market	63	97%
	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	20%

District	Name of public market	Number of stalls	Occupancy rate[*]
Islands	Tai O Market	26	92%
	Peng Chau Market	18	83%
	Mui Wo Market	35	94%
	Cheung Chau Market	243	94%
	Mui Wo CFM	20	100%
	Cheung Chau CFM	17	94%
	FEHD Sunlight Market	36	81%
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	76%
	Shui Wo Street Market	302	83%
	Yee On Street Market	65	43%
	Tsun Yip CFM	56	95%
	Sze Shan Street CFM	16	69%
	Tung Yuen Street CFM	8	100%
	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	90%
Kowloon City	To Kwa Wan Market	267	84%
	Kowloon City Market	581	80%
	Hung Hom Market	224	95%
	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	100%
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	83%
	Tai Shing Street Market	443	87%
	Sheung Fung Street Market	83	88%
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	78%
	Mong Kok CFM	14	79%
	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	93%
	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	77	75%
	Kwun Chung Market	218	63%
	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	76%
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	450	79%
	Pei Ho Street Market	234	90%
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	176	86%
	Lai Wan Market	30	97%

District	Name of public market	Number of stalls	Occupancy rate[*]
Kwai Tsing	Wing Fong Street Market	114	75%
	Ka Ting CFM	14	64%
	Wo Yi Hop Road CFM	18	61%
	North Kwai Chung Market	222	80%
	Cheung Tat Road CFM	12	75%
	Kwai Shun Street CFM	11	82%
	Tsing Yi Market	76	90%
Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	84%
	Heung Che Street Market	225	94%
	Chai Wan Kok CFM	32	75%
	Tsuen Wan Market	370	81%
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	69%
Tuen Mun	Lam Tei Market	7	86%
	Hung Cheung CFM	11	73%
	Kin Wing CFM	17	100%
	San Hui Market	324	94%
	Yan Oi Market	108	91%
	Tsing Yeung CFM	18	89%
Yuen Long	Kam Tin Market	40	100%
	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	64%
	Kik Yeung Road CFM	14	100%
	Tai Kiu Market	379	91%
	Tai Tong Road CFM	18	100%
	Kin Yip Street CFM	14	100%
	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	172	45%
	Tung Yick Market	446	36%
	FEHD Skylight Market	40	100%

District	Name of public market	Number of stalls	Occupancy rate[*]
North	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	97%
	Shek Wu Hui Market	393	95%
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	91%
	Luen Wo Hui Market	354	96%
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	313	99%
	Plover Cove Road Market	244	74%
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market	209	87%
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	172	95%
	Tai Wai Market	184	96%
	Fo Tan (East) CFM	24	100%
	Fo Tan (West) CFM	15	93%

Remarks:

- * 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. Stalls not let out include those set aside for designated purposes (such as for use by government departments and for supporting stall repair or improvement works, etc.).

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