

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has revised the target for the letting percentage of market stalls from 90% to 85% as from 2025. Please advise this Committee of:

1. the reasons for lowering the relevant target;
2. the vacancy rate of market stalls in all districts across the territory; and
3. whether measures have been taken to raise the occupancy rate of market stalls. If yes, what are the details of work, staffing establishment and expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will make suitable adjustment to the target letting percentage having regard to the actual performance in the past and the trend of market stall letting.
2. The number of stalls and the vacancy rate of individual public markets managed by the Department as at 31 December 2024 are set out in Annex.
3. Apart from putting up vacant stalls for open auction on a regular basis, the Department has restored the past arrangement of putting up long-standing vacant stalls that could not be let out in public markets for open auction at reduced upset prices since May 2024, so as to increase the occupancy rate and put long-standing vacant market stalls to better use. Under this arrangement, the upset prices for the stalls in an open auction will be initially set at 80% of the open market rent if the stalls have been vacant for over 6 months, and at 60% if the vacant period is over 8 months. In addition, the Department implemented a trial arrangement of letting out public market stalls on a first-come, first-served basis from October to December 2024. Stalls which have not been let out in open auctions were made available for renting by members of the public at their upset prices on a first-come, first-served basis. As the above work is part of the Department's duties in public market management, we do not maintain a breakdown of the relevant manpower and expenditure.

## Annex

District	Name of public market	Number of stalls	Vacancy rate <sup>a</sup>
Eastern	Yue Wan Market	380	15%
	Chai Wan Market	174	19%
	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	18%
	Java Road Market	194	31%
	Electric Road Market	99	40%
	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	9%
	Quarry Bay Market	113	51%
	North Point Market	42	19%
	Aldrich Bay Market	71	28%
Wan Chai	Bowrington Road Market	296	16%
	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	26%
	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	20%
	Lockhart Road Market	166	25%
	Wan Chai Market	50	2%
	Causeway Bay Market	51	4%
Central and Western	Sheung Wan Market	223	11%
	Sai Ying Pun Market	93	17%
	Centre Street Market	46	28%
	Smithfield Market	216	4%
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	13%
	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	0%
Southern	Aberdeen Market	137	17%
	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	39%
	Tin Wan Market	180	18%
	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	27%
	Ap Lei Chau Market	63	3%
	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	80%
Islands	Tai O Market	26	8%
	Peng Chau Market	18	17%
	Mui Wo Market	35	6%
	Cheung Chau Market	243	6%
	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	0%
	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	6%
	FEHD Sunlight Market	36	19%
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	24%
	Shui Wo Street Market	302	17%
	Yee On Street Market	65	57%
	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	5%
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	16	31%
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	0%
	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	10%

<b>District</b>	<b>Name of public market</b>	<b>Number of stalls</b>	<b>Vacancy rate<sup>a</sup></b>
Kowloon City	To Kwa Wan Market	267	16%
	Kowloon City Market	581	20%
	Hung Hom Market	224	5%
	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	0%
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	17%
	Tai Shing Street Market	443	13%
	Sheung Fung Street Market	83	12%
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	22%
	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	21%
	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	7%
	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	77	25%
	Kwun Chung Market	218	37%
	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	24%
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	450	21%
	Pei Ho Street Market	234	10%
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	176	14%
	Lai Wan Market	30	3%
Kwai Tsing	Wing Fong Street Market	114	25%
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	14	36%
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	39%
	North Kwai Chung Market	222	20%
	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	25%
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	11	18%
	Tsing Yi Market	76	10%
Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	16%
	Heung Che Street Market	225	6%
	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	25%
	Tsuen Wan Market	370	19%
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	31%
Tuen Mun	Lam Tei Market	7	14%
	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	27%
	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	0%
	San Hui Market	324	6%
	Yan Oi Market	108	9%
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	11%
Yuen Long	Kam Tin Market	40	0%
	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	36%

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	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	0%
	Tai Kiu Market	379	9%
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	0%
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	0%
	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	172	55%
	Tung Yick Market	446	64%
	FEHD Skylight Market	40	0%
North	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	3%
	Shek Wu Hui Market	393	5%
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	9%
	Luen Wo Hui Market	354	4%
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	313	1%
	Plover Cove Road Market	244	26%
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market	209	13%
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	172	5%
	Tai Wai Market	184	4%
	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	0%
	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	7%

Remark:

<sup>a</sup> Vacancy rate is the percentage of unleased stalls out of the total number of stalls in a market, including 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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