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Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations and implement the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP). Please advise this Committee of:

1. the occupancy rate and patronage of each of the markets for which works under the MMP have been completed; and
2. whether the Government's current fiscal position has any impact on the above work; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

1. The occupancy rate and footfall of the markets for which overhaul or redevelopment works, stall enhancement works, as well as minor refurbishment or improvement works under the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP) have been completed are set out in **Annex**.
2. The provision of public markets and the carrying out of works under the MMP involve substantial public resources. Before deciding whether to build a public market or to take forward a project under the MMP, the Government will fully take into account various factors, including project costs and service demand of the area, in order to ensure proper use of public resources.

When identifying sites for building new markets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will take into account a host of factors, including the geographical location of the site, existing/planned uses, usable area and ancillary transport facilities in the vicinity, with a view to ensuring that the use of public financial and land resources can be optimised. In identifying markets for projects of different scales under the MMP, we will also take into account a number of factors, including the geographical location and distribution of the markets, current condition of facilities, business viability, community needs and tenants' readiness.

The Department and the works departments will continue to review the cost-effectiveness of the works projects related to markets and give due regard to priority and urgency when adjusting the implementation schedule. At the design and construction stages, we will strive for proposals with lowered costs to ensure that the projects are cost-effective and in line with the no-frills principle.

**Occupancy rate and footfall of markets for which works have been completed under
the Market Modernisation Programme**

Type of works	District	Name of market	Number of stalls	Occupancy rate* (as at 31 December 2024)	Average daily footfall in the past year& (rounded to nearest hundred)
Overhaul or redevelopment	Southern	Aberdeen Market	137	83%	12 000
	Sham Shui Po	Lai Wan Market	30	97%	8 800
Stall enhancement	Central and Western	Queen Street Cooked Food Market#	11	100%	1 600
Minor refurbishment or improvement	Eastern	Quarry Bay Market	113	49%	Figures not kept
	Wan Chai	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	80%	Figures not kept
	Central and Western	Smithfield Market	216	96%	Figures not kept
		Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	87%	7 700
	Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	76%	26 500
		Shui Wo Street Market	302	83%	Figures not kept
	Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	83%	Figures not kept
	Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	78%	Figures not kept
		Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	79%	Figures not kept
	Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	450	79%	Figures not kept
	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Market	370	81%	Figures not kept
		Yeung Uk Road Market	318	84%	32 300
	Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Market	108	91%	Figures not kept
	North	Luen Wo Hui Market	354	96%	Figures not kept
	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market	209	87%	Figures not kept

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. The 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.).
- & The average daily footfall is calculated on the basis of the footfall figures from 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025.
- # Queen Street Cooked Food Market resumed full operation on 12 September 2024 after stall enhancement works. Its average daily footfall is calculated on the basis of the footfall figures from that day to 28 February 2025.