

**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 (Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP) under Programme (3), please advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) How many public markets, with a breakdown by District Council district, were included in the MMP in the past 3 years?
- (b) For public markets included in the MMP in the past 3 years that have undergone overhaul, redevelopment or stall enhancement projects, please provide (i) the number of such markets, (ii) the financial resources allocated, and (iii) the number of projects completed.
- (c) For public markets not included in the MMP in the past 3 years but have undergone minor refurbishment or minor improvement works, please provide (i) the number of such markets, (ii) the financial resources allocated, and (iii) the number of works completed.
- (d) At present, some markets come with a cooked food centre which offers the service of preparing and cooking outside food for consumption on the premises. Does the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department have any plans to promote, in under-utilised public markets with a cooked food centre, the service of cooking the purchases from the market on the food premises, so as to boost their patronage? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-yan, JoePHY (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- (a)-(c) In the past 3 years (i.e. 2023, 2024 and 2025), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department took forward a total of 5 overhaul and stall enhancement projects under the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP). The details are as follows:

	<b>District</b>	<b>Name of public market</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project cost</b>	<b>Year in which works commenced</b>	<b>Year in which operation resumed/ Expected completion date</b>
1.	Southern	Aberdeen Market	Overhaul	Around \$254 million	2021	2023
2.	Sham Shui Po	Lai Wan Market	Overhaul	Around \$46.77 million	2023	2024
3.	Central and Western	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	Stall enhancement	Around \$9.5 million	2024	2024
4.	Southern	Ap Lei Chau Market Cooked Food Centre	Stall enhancement	Around \$17.2 million	2025	Works are underway, with completion expected in April 2026
5.	North	Luen Wo Hui Market Cooked Food Centre	Stall enhancement	Around \$28.8 million	2025	Works are underway, with completion expected in July 2026

During the same period, the Department continued to carry out minor refurbishment or improvement works, and has commenced the relevant works in 16 markets since the launch of the MMP. As at the end of February 2026, the works in 15 markets (including Ngau Tau Kok Market, Yeung Uk Road Market, Fa Yuen Street Market, Quarry Bay Market, Shui Wo Street Market, Tsuen Wan Market, Mong Kok Cooked Food Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Shek Tong Tsui Market, Yan Oi Market, Sai Kung Market, Po On Road Market, Wong Nai Chung Market, Smithfield Market and Luen Wo Hui Market) have been completed, while those in the remaining Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market are expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026. The total estimated expenditure for taking forward the 16 aforementioned minor refurbishment or improvement projects is about \$81.46 million.

- (d) Promotional campaigns, such as festive celebrations and thematic events, etc., are held with a view to enhancing the patronage of public markets and cooked food centres (CFCs) and to promoting their vibrancy. Cooked food stalls in CFCs within markets and cooked food markets under the purview of the Department may, subject to the relevant ordinances and tenancy clauses, provide customers with the services

of food processing and on-demand cooking on the spot. As for the specific mode of operation, it will be decided by stall operators having regard to their business considerations.

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