

**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:

One of the aims of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is to enhance the viability of existing public markets. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please set out in tabular form (i) the number of stalls; (ii) the number of let-out stalls; (iii) the number of vacant stalls; and (iv) the vacancy rate of each public market in the past 3 years.
- (b) Has the Department assessed the business turnover and patronage of each public market or individual stalls in each public market? If yes, what are the details, assessment methods and figures? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
- (c) What are the criteria used by the Government for renewing the tenancies of public market stalls at present?
- (d) Has the Department assessed the positive benefits that could be brought about if the comparison of business turnover or patronage among similar stalls on the same floor in the same market is adopted as a criterion for tenancy renewal of a public market stall? If yes, please set out the positive benefits. If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
- (e) Will the Department consider using the comparison of business turnover or patronage among similar stalls on the same floor in the same market as a criterion for tenancy renewal? If yes, what are the details and timetable? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by: Hon CHONG Ho-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided in Annex I.
- (b) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has installed a people counting system in some of its public markets and the relevant information is provided in Annex II. The Department does not collect information on the business turnover of each public market or individual stalls in each public market.
- (c) to (e) Public markets are public facilities for the general public to shop for fresh provisions. When managing and operating markets, the Government will take

into account the overall public interest and the needs of the residents. Vacant market stalls, unlike private commercial retail premises, are currently let out through open auctions or ballots to ensure that they are allocated to the interested tenants on an impartial basis. Moreover, since 2020, no automatic tenancy renewal arrangement is available for public market stalls allocated through open auctions or ballots. Tenancy of stalls, upon expiry, will be handled according to the prevailing rental arrangements. The Department will act in accordance with a fair mechanism and take into account, during the process, relevant factors such as record of tenants' irregularities and the proper trade mix for individual markets at that time, instead of using the business turnover or patronage of individual stalls as the sole consideration.

Nevertheless, the Government has maintained communication with Legislative Council Members and stakeholders on the way forward for public markets. We have also received different views on the positioning and functions of public markets and the way forward. These views will be carefully considered when the Government rolls out measures to enhance market operation/management (including tenancy arrangements).

**Number of stalls, number of let-out stalls, number of vacant stalls and  
vacancy rate of markets**

Serial Number	Name of public market	Number of stalls (as at 31 December)			Number of let-out stalls (as at 31 December)			Number of vacant stalls <sup>a</sup> (of which frozen) (as at 31 December)			Vacancy rate <sup>b</sup> (as at 31 December)		
		2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
1	Yue Wan Market	380	380	380	339	323	300	41 (0)	57 (57)	80 (80)	11%	15%	21%
2	Chai Wan Market	174	174	174	146	141	135	28 (0)	33 (33)	39 (38)	16%	19%	22%
3	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	11	11	10	9	9	1 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	9%	18%	18%
4	Java Road Market	194	194	194	149	133	122	45 (0)	61 (24)	72 (25)	23%	31%	37%
5	Electric Road Market	99	99	99	62	59	59	37 (0)	40 (40)	40 (40)	37%	40%	40%
6	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	274	260	250	249	229	24 (0)	25 (0)	31 (4)	9%	9%	12%
7	Quarry Bay Market	113	113	94	61	55	50	52 (33)	58 (1)	44 (44)	46%	51%	47%
8	North Point Market	42	42	37	40	34	29	2 (0)	8 (8)	8 (8)	5%	19%	22%
9	Aldrich Bay Market	71	71	71	55	51	48	16 (0)	20 (3)	23 (8)	23%	28%	32%
10	Bowrington Road Market	296	296	281	257	248	235	39 (39)	48 (0)	46 (46)	13%	16%	16%
11	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	34	34	25	25	25	9 (9)	9 (0)	9 (9)	26%	26%	26%
12	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	69	69	61	55	53	8 (8)	14 (0)	16 (0)	12%	20%	23%
13	Lockhart Road Market	166	166	165	123	125	137	43 (43)	41 (0)	28 (2)	26%	25%	17%
14	Wan Chai Market	50	50	50	50	49	48	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)	0%	2%	4%
15	Causeway Bay Market	51	51	51	49	49	47	2 (2)	2 (2)	4 (4)	4%	4%	8%
16	Sheung Wan Market	223	223	223	207	199	194	16 (0)	24 (17)	29 (2)	7%	11%	13%
17	Sai Ying Pun Market	93	93	93	79	77	72	14 (0)	16 (11)	21 (12)	15%	17%	23%
18	Centre Street Market	46	46	46	33	33	32	13 (5)	13 (13)	14 (14)	28%	28%	30%
19	Smithfield Market	216	216	216	207	207	209	9 (0)	9 (5)	7 (1)	4%	4%	3%
20	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	151	151	124	131	127	27 (0)	20 (1)	24 (6)	18%	13%	16%
21	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	11	11	11	11	11	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
22	Aberdeen Market	137	137	137	115	114	119	22 (0)	23 (0)	18 (0)	16%	17%	13%
23	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	28	28	20	17	17	8 (5)	11 (11)	11 (11)	29%	39%	39%

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		2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
24	Tin Wan Market	180	180	180	155	147	169	25 (0)	33 (0)	11 (0)	14%	18%	6%
25	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	197	183	165	144	138	32 (0)	53 (0)	45 (0)	16%	27%	25%
26	Ap Lei Chau Market	63	63	63	61	61	61	2 (0)	2 (0)	2 (0)	3%	3%	3%
27	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	20	20	13	4	0	7 (0)	16 (0)	20 (0)	35%	80%	100%
28	Tai O Market	26	26	24	23	24	18	3 (0)	2 (0)	6 (0)	12%	8%	25%
29	Peng Chau Market	18	18	18	16	15	14	2 (0)	3 (0)	4 (0)	11%	17%	22%
30	Mui Wo Market	35	35	35	34	33	29	1 (0)	2 (0)	6 (0)	3%	6%	17%
31	Cheung Chau Market	243	243	240	231	229	208	12 (0)	14 (0)	32 (0)	5%	6%	13%
32	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	20	20	20	20	20	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
33	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	17	17	16	16	16	1 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	6%	6%	6%
34	FEHD Sunlight Market	36	36	36	28	29	28	8 (0)	7 (0)	8 (0)	22%	19%	22%
35	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	466	422	372	355	304	94 (75)	111 (111)	118 (118)	20%	24%	28%
36	Shui Wo Street Market	302	302	296	275	250	253	27 (2)	52 (3)	43 (3)	9%	17%	15%
37	Yee On Street Market <sup>c</sup>	65	65	N.A.	30	28	N.A.	35 (35)	37 (37)	N.A.	54%	57%	N.A.
38	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	56	56	53	53	53	3 (3)	3 (0)	3 (0)	5%	5%	5%
39	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	16	16	11	11	11	6 (6)	5 (0)	5 (0)	35%	31%	31%
40	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	8	8	8	8	8	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
41	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	20	20	18	18	18	2 (1)	2 (2)	2 (0)	10%	10%	10%
42	To Kwa Wan Market	267	267	267	234	223	223	33 (0)	44 (8)	44 (0)	12%	16%	16%
43	Kowloon City Market	581	581	527	484	463	423	97 (0)	118 (118)	104 (104)	17%	20%	20%
44	Hung Hom Market	224	224	224	216	213	210	8 (0)	11 (0)	14 (0)	4%	5%	6%
45	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	13	13	13	13	10	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	0%	0%	23%
46	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	402	400	322	332	337	80 (54)	70 (0)	63 (0)	20%	17%	16%
47	Tai Shing Street Market	442	443	443	386	383	377	56 (4)	60 (1)	66 (1)	13%	13%	15%

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		2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
48	Sheung Fung Street Market	83	83	83	74	73	74	9 (0)	10 (0)	9 (0)	11%	12%	11%
49	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	180	178	148	140	149	32 (5)	40 (0)	29 (0)	18%	22%	16%
50	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	14	14	12	11	13	2 (0)	3 (0)	1 (0)	14%	21%	7%
51	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	135	135	122	125	118	13 (0)	10 (0)	17 (0)	10%	7%	13%
52	Po On Road Market	450	450	438	366	356	353	84 (83)	94 (0)	85 (1)	19%	21%	19%
53	Pei Ho Street Market	234	234	234	218	211	208	16 (16)	23 (0)	26 (0)	7%	10%	11%
54	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	244	176	176	159	152	151	85 (85)	24 (10)	25 (0)	35%	14%	14%
55	Lai Wan Market <sup>d</sup>	30	30	30	N.A.	29	30	N.A.	1 (0)	0 (0)	N.A.	3%	0%
56	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	77	77	77	58	58	57	19 (15)	19 (1)	20 (2)	25%	25%	26%
57	Kwun Chung Market	218	218	218	138	137	136	80 (80)	81 (81)	82 (82)	37%	37%	38%
58	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	144	144	119	109	104	25 (21)	35 (2)	40 (2)	17%	24%	28%
59	Wing Fong Street Market	114	114	109	86	86	83	28 (0)	28 (0)	26 (0)	25%	25%	24%
60	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	14	14	14	9	9	9	5 (5)	5 (5)	5 (0)	36%	36%	36%
61	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	18	18	14	11	9	4 (0)	7 (7)	9 (9)	22%	39%	50%
62	North Kwai Chung Market	222	222	205	193	177	161	29 (0)	45 (45)	44 (44)	13%	20%	21%
63	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	12	12	9	9	7	3 (0)	3 (3)	5 (5)	25%	25%	42%
64	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	11	11	11	10	9	9	1 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)	9%	18%	18%
65	Tsing Yi Market	76	76	74	72	68	68	4 (0)	8 (0)	6 (0)	5%	10%	8%
66	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	318	306	282	268	266	36 (36)	50 (50)	40 (40)	11%	16%	13%

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67	Heung Che Street Market	225	225	225	216	211	199	9 (9)	14 (1)	26 (1)	4%	6%	12%
68	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	32	32	24	24	21	8 (8)	8 (8)	11 (8)	25%	25%	34%
69	Tsuen Wan Market	370	370	358	322	298	299	48 (48)	72 (3)	59 (4)	13%	19%	16%
70	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	29	29	27	20	25	2 (2)	9 (2)	4 (4)	7%	31%	14%
71	Lam Tei Market	7	7	7	7	6	7	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0%	14%	0%
72	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	11	11	8	8	8	3 (0)	3 (0)	3 (3)	27%	27%	27%
73	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	17	17	17	17	17	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
74	San Hui Market	324	324	321	309	305	298	15 (0)	19 (0)	23 (0)	5%	6%	7%
75	Yan Oi Market	108	108	108	100	98	99	8 (0)	10 (0)	9 (0)	7%	9%	8%
76	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	18	18	17	16	15	1 (0)	2 (2)	3 (3)	6%	11%	17%
77	Kam Tin Market	40	40	40	39	40	40	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2%	0%	0%
78	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	25	25	17	16	12	8 (3)	9 (0)	13 (13)	32%	36%	52%
79	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	14	14	14	14	14	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
80	Tai Kiu Market	379	379	368	351	345	330	28 (0)	34 (0)	38 (0)	7%	9%	10%
81	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	18	18	18	18	18	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
82	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	14	14	14	14	14	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
83	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	172	172	172	90	78	70	82 (22)	94 (94)	102 (102)	48%	55%	59%
84	Tung Yick Market	446	446	407	168	162	152	278 (278)	284 (284)	255 (255)	62%	64%	63%
85	FEHD Skylight Market	36	40	40	35	40	40	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3%	0%	0%
86	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	66	66	65	64	63	1 (0)	2 (0)	3 (0)	2%	3%	5%
87	Shek Wu Hui Market	393	393	393	384	373	373	9 (0)	20 (0)	20 (0)	2%	5%	5%

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		2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
88	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	98	98	91	89	97	7 (0)	9 (0)	1 (1)	7%	9%	1%
89	Luen Wo Hui Market	338	354	355	329	338	336	9 (0)	16 (3)	19 (4)	3%	4%	5%
90	Tai Po Hui Market	313	313	313	310	311	308	3 (0)	2 (2)	5 (4)	1%	1%	2%
91	Plover Cove Road Market	244	244	244	185	180	178	59 (51)	64 (63)	66 (52)	24%	26%	27%
92	Sai Kung Market	209	209	209	188	181	181	21 (0)	28 (0)	28 (0)	10%	13%	13%
93	Sha Tin Market	172	172	172	165	163	160	7 (0)	9 (0)	12 (0)	4%	5%	7%
94	Tai Wai Market	184	184	184	173	176	180	11 (0)	8 (1)	4 (0)	6%	4%	2%
95	Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East)	24	24	24	24	24	24	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0%	0%	0%
96	Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West)	15	15	15	15	14	9	0 (0)	1 (1)	6 (6)	0%	7%	40%

Notes:

- The number of vacant stalls includes those set aside for designated purposes (such as for use by government departments and for supporting stall repair or improvement works, etc.).
- Vacancy rate is the percentage of unleased stalls out of the total number of stalls in a market. The number of unleased stalls and the total number of stalls include those set aside for designated purposes (such as for use by government departments and for supporting stall repair or improvement works, etc.).
- Yee On Street Market was closed in December 2025.
- The overhaul works of Lai Wan Market commenced in February 2023, and the market was re-opened in February 2024 after the overhaul works.

**Patronage of markets installed with people counting system**

<b>District</b>	<b>Name of market</b>	<b>Average daily patronage in the past year<sup>Note</sup> (Rounded to nearest hundred)</b>
Eastern	Java Road Market	7 100
	North Point Market	1 000
	Yue Wan Market	13 200
	Quarry Bay Market	2 000
	Electric Road Market	5 600
Wan Chai	Causeway Bay Market	3 000
	Tang Lung Chau Market	1 600
	Bowrington Road Market	4 500
	Wong Nai Chung Market	1 600
Central and Western	Sheung Wan Market	3 800
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	7 100
	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	1 300
	Smithfield Market Cooked Food Centre	2 900
Southern	Aberdeen Market	12 200
	Yue Kwong Road Market	1 400
	Ap Lei Chau Market Cooked Food Centre	1 300
Islands	FEHD Sunlight Market	1 600
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	26 200
	Lei Yue Mun Market	2 000
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	700
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	900
Kowloon City	To Kwa Wan Market	11 100
	Kowloon City Market	13 300
	Hung Hom Market	10 500
Wong Tai Sin	Tai Shing Street Market	23 100
	Sheung Fung Street Market	2 900

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Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	3 100
	Fa Yuen Street Market Cooked Food Centre	1 400
	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	7 500
	Kwun Chung Market	2 400
	Yau Ma Tei Market	4 900
Sham Shui Po	Pei Ho Street Market	36 100
	Lai Wan Market	8 500
Kwai Tsing	Wing Fong Street Market	2 100
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	1 200
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	500
	North Kwai Chung Market	10 400
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	1 900
Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market	34 000
	Heung Che Street Market	9 100
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	800
Tuen Mun	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	2 100
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	5 700
Yuen Long	FEHD Skylight Market	7 600
	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	3 300
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	4 900
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	6 100
	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	900
North	Sha Tau Kok Market	1 200
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	1 000
	Luen Wo Hui Market Cooked Food Centre	3 600
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	29 000
	Plover Cove Road Market	5 500
Sha Tin	Tai Wai Market	19 600

Note: The average daily patronage is calculated on the basis of the figures from 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026.

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