

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in Programme (3) that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will “continue to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations”, “continue to implement the new management model and improvement measures introduced in new and overhauled public markets”, “continue to implement the Market Modernisation Programme to improve facilities of existing public markets”, and “close public markets which are under-utilised”. Please set out the sites concerned.

Asked by: Hon FONG Kwok-shan, Christine (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

In 2026-27, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will continue to take forward all aspects of work mentioned in the question.

Regarding new public markets, the project expected to be completed in 2027 is located in Tin Shui Wai, while 2 other projects expected to be completed in 2028 are located in Area 67, Tseung Kwan O and Kwu Tung North New Development Area.

The markets with various types of improvement projects carried out under the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP) are as follows:

- (1) Overhaul projects: Aberdeen Market and Lai Wan Market officially re-opened in May 2023 and March 2024 respectively after overhaul works, while the projects for Ngau Tau Kok Market and Kowloon City Market, etc. are in progress;
- (2) Stall enhancement projects: Queen Street Cooked Food Market resumed full operation in September 2024 after the completion of works, while the works in Ap Lei Chau Market Cooked Food Centre, Luen Wo Hui Market Cooked Food Centre and Yue Wan Market Cooked Food Centre commenced in 2025-26; and
- (3) Minor refurbishment or improvement works: To date, FEHD has completed 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); and the works in Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market are expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026.

Regarding the implementation of the new management model and improvement measures, FEHD has adopted the new management model in overhauled public markets under the MMP as well as in new public markets to improve management standards and enhance services. Markets that have adopted the new management model include FEHD Skylight Market in Tin Shui Wai commissioned at the end of 2020, Sunlight Market in Tung Chung commissioned in March 2023, as well as Aberdeen Market and Lai Wan Market which re-opened in May 2023 and March 2024 respectively after overhaul.

As for market closure, FEHD is carrying out the preparatory work for the following projects:

- (1) Consolidation of Centre Street Market and Sai Ying Pun Market to vacate the former for the planning of medical and healthcare-related facilities. Following consultation with the relevant committee of Central and Western District Council and having considered the views of tenants and stakeholders, FEHD plans to close Centre Street Market in the second quarter of 2026; and
- (2) Closure of Kwun Chung Market for conversion to an urban sports centre under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Following consultation with Yau Tsim Mong District Council, FEHD is discussing the specific arrangements with the market tenants.

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