## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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**Controlling Officer**: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question:

Is there any plan to redesignate the use of public markets with low stall let-out rate?

Is there any plan to build new markets?

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

For market(s) with serious viability problem, the Administration will consider closing down part of or the entire market and use the space for other purposes. We will consult the relevant stakeholders including the affected stall tenants and District Councils before finalization.

Two new public markets, namely the new Wan Chai Market and Aldrich Bay Market, are scheduled for commissioning in 2007-08.

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