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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

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Question (Member Question No. 27):

At present, there is only one public toilet in Tung Chung Town Centre. Please advise whether there is any plan to build more public toilets in the area, especially after the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, so as to cater for the needs of both local residents and visitors. If yes, please give the details of the plan and the expenditure to be involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

In planning for the provision of public toilets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will take into consideration various factors, including the availability of alternative toilet facilities nearby, whether the facilities are in venues and facilities managed by other government departments or in private developments and shopping arcades. At present, in the Tung Chung town centre area, there is one public toilet at Tat Tung Road under the management of the Department. To cater for the future Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge development, the expected increase in the number of commuters using the public transport facilities nearby, as well as morning joggers and dog walkers using the adjacent morning trail, a public toilet at an estimated cost of \$4.94 million will be constructed near the Tung Chung Development Pier. The construction works are scheduled to commence in mid-2014 for completion in 2015.