

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

1. Please advise on the public markets which will be closed in 2017.
2. Please advise on the utilisation rate of the markets that were closed in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

1. As a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When considering whether an under-utilised market is to be closed, we will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department plans to close Shau Kei Wan Market and Tsuen King Circuit Market in 2017-18.
2. No public market was closed in the past 3 years.

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