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Question:

It is proposed that a public market will be built in Tung Chung and the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area respectively. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. the progress of the preparatory work for the provision of the 2 public markets and the manpower involved; and
2. the resources allocated by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the coming year for the construction/design of the said public markets and their exact locations.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 228)

Reply:

The Government has initially identified suitable sites in the east of Tung Chung New Town East Extension Area as well as in the southwest of Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area (NDA) to build sizable public markets. The 2 identified sites are easily accessible to residents in the region, well connected with public transport network and close to mass transit railway stations and public transport interchanges. The markets are intended to serve not only Tung Chung New Town Extension Area and Hung Shui Kiu NDA but also the whole Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai areas. The 2 proposed new markets are an integral part of the new town development of the Tung Chung and Hung Shui Kiu areas. The project estimates could be ascertained only after completion of the preparatory work, such as feasibility studies and infrastructure planning. Insofar as the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is concerned, the preparatory work for the provision of the 2 public markets will be undertaken by staff who are also involved in other aspects of work relating to public markets. Hence, no breakdown for the manpower involved in the preparatory work for these 2 markets is available.