

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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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 of 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 2018-19 for the construction/design of the said public markets and their exact locations.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 200)

Reply:

In her maiden Policy Address in October 2017, the Chief Executive pledges that the Government would make available resources for building new public markets to offer wider choices of fresh provisions to the public in Tung Chung and Hung Shui Kiu. The Government has initially identified suitable sites in the east of Tung Chung New Town Extension Area as well as in the southwest of Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area to build sizable public markets. Well-connected by public transport and close to future train stations and public transport interchanges, these 2 new market sites will be accessible to more members of the public.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has set up a dedicated team of 21 staff to take forward the planning of new markets, among other duties. The estimated staff cost of the team in 2018-19 is \$17.9 million. Details of any new market projects would only be available at a later stage.

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