

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to market management and hawker control, please provide information on the following:

1. Given that the site for building a public market in Tin Shui Wai was announced in the Policy Address, please advise on the planning of the market, the consultation results, the timetable for funding application or construction and the estimated expenditure.
2. It is stated that the Department will continue to enforce against shop front extensions. Please set out the blackspots of shopfront extension or obstruction caused by hawkers in Yuen Long district, the number of complaints received, warnings issued and prosecutions instituted, as well as the median fines in the past year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

1. As announced in the 2018 Policy Address, the Government plans to build a new public market at the section of Tin Fuk Road outside Tin Shui Wai Mass Transit Railway Station. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the Yuen Long District Council in October 2018 on the proposal. Members generally supported the provision of a decked-over market. In building such a new-generation public market, the Department needs to introduce new design features to facilitate modern management and meet the expectations of patrons in today's retail environment.

The timetable and expenditure of the project can only be determined when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

2. The existing list of shop front extension and hawker black spots in Yuen Long district, number of complaints received, number of prosecutions instituted and the median fines in 2018 are provided at Annex. The Department does not keep statistics on the number of warnings issued.

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List of black spots of shop front extension and hawkers in Yuen Long District

Locations	Number of complaints received	Number of prosecutions instituted	Median Fines (\$)
Shop Front Extension Black Spots¹			
Yu King Square and Hong King Street	17	144	650
Hung Min Court and Mau Tan Street	18	181	1,500
Fau Tsoi Street	27	83	1,500
Sau Fu Street	16	6	1,500
Fook Tak Street	1	115	1,500
Fook Hong Street, Kiu Tak Path, Kiu Sau Path and intersection of Sau Fu Street and Tung Lok Street	20	220	1,500
Yau San Street, intersection of Fung Kam Street and Fung Kwan Street	22	28	1,500
Street shops at Hung Yip Building and Hing Fook Building II, 253-259 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long	0	0	Not applicable
Kin Tak Street	3	0	Not applicable
Wang Fat Path	2	292	1,500
Tai Fung Street	0	0	Not applicable
No. 8-64 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long	2	4	1,150
Hawker Black Spots²			
Hop Choi Street	82	251	1,500

Remarks:

1. The list of shop front extension black spots is available at Home Affairs Department's website (www.had.gov.hk).
2. The list of hawker black spots is available at Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's website (www.fehd.gov.hk).