

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

With regard to the aim “to provide new market facilities at suitable locations”, please advise on the following:

1. What is the definition of “suitable locations” and what are the criteria for selecting such locations?
2. Is there any plan to provide new markets in 2019-2020? If yes, the details; if no, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)

Reply:

As announced in the 2018 Policy Address, the Government plans to build 2 new public markets in Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung Town Centre. The Government has also initially identified suitable sites in the east of the Tung Chung New Town Extension Area as well as in the southwest of the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area (NDA) for public markets. Well-connected by public transport and close to future train stations and public transport interchanges, these new sites will be more accessible to the public. Apart from the above, we are also looking for locations in Tseung Kwan O and the Kwu Tung North NDA to build new markets. These projects are at different stages of planning. Details will be available at a later stage when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

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