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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the rate of rental adjustment for stalls in the 99 public markets, temporary markets and cooked food markets in the territory in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

Public market rentals had been frozen since 1998 for about 19 years until June 2017. Starting from 1 July 2017, a new mechanism for annual rental adjustment upon renewal of tenancy or on the due date for rental adjustment as specified in the tenancy agreement has been put in place. Annual adjustment is made with reference to the average year-on-year change in Consumer Price Index (A) in the 12-month period 6 months before the tenancy is renewed or preceding the due date for rental adjustment. The new mechanism applies to new tenancy agreements entered or agreements renewed on or after 1 July 2017. Taking the tenancy agreements renewed on 1 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 as examples, stall rentals were increased by 2.9% and 1.5% respectively.

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