

**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:

Regarding the work to “oversee the development of new public markets at selected locations”, please provide:

1. the expenditure on and expected publication date of the study report on the provision of new public markets in Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai;
2. the expected number of people to be served by the new public markets in Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai, with a breakdown by public housing resident in the district, Home Ownership Scheme resident in the district, resident of private residential development in the district, and non-resident of the district;
3. the maximum number of stalls that can be set up under the proposed design options (including the Deck Over option and the Station Square option) for the new public markets in Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

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 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the relevant District Councils in October 2018. When selecting the proposed sites for the new public markets, consideration had been given to their geographical location, current and planned uses, usable area and ancillary transport facilities nearby, in order to ensure that, upon completion, the markets will be of a substantial scale and viability and that public finances and land resources can be optimised. Well-connected by public transport and close to train stations and public transport interchanges, the new market sites at the section of Tin Fuk Road in Tin Shui Wai and Area 6 in Tung Chung Town Centre, will be more accessible to the public in purchasing fresh food. According to our preliminary planning, at least 100 stalls will be provided in each of these new markets. The projects are at different stages of planning. Details of the

projects would be available at a later stage when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

The Department has set up a dedicated team to take forward, among other duties, the planning of the 2 new markets with the support of 37 staff. The estimated expenditure to be incurred in 2019-20 is \$33.9 million.

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