

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)
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Question:

With regard to the progress of providing new public market facilities at selected locations,

- (1) please set out the details of the studies and consultations on the provision of new public markets in Tseung Kwan O and the Kwu Tung North New Development Area respectively, including:
 - a. the details of the preliminary/feasibility studies, including dates and targets of consultation, timetable for and estimated expenditure involved in conducting the studies, etc.;
 - b. the estimated expenditure involved in organising consultation sessions, research and identification of locations, planning and design, site investigation, etc.
- (2) please set out the details of the studies and consultations on the provision of new public markets in Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai respectively, including:
 - a. the number of consultation sessions and the month when they are held;
 - b. the funding earmarked for local consultations;
 - c. the date of announcement of the consultation results; and
 - d. the funding allocated for the provision of new public markets.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

As announced in the Policy Address 2018, 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 and on various occasions listened to the views of stakeholders, on the proposed new market projects. We are also looking for locations in Tseung Kwan O and the Kwu Tung North New Development Area to build new markets. These projects are at different stages of planning. We are working with relevant departments in delivering these new markets and will liaise with stakeholders as appropriate with regard to the progress of the works.

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

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