

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In 2019-20, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations. Please provide in detail the proposed locations of the new public markets, the schedule, the staff establishment involved (please set out in tabular form the number of staff with a breakdown by post) and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

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. We are working with relevant departments in delivering these new markets which will give the public more choices in purchasing fresh food.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has set up a dedicated team to take forward, among other duties, the planning of new markets. The estimated number of staff involved in 2019-20 is 37, including 4 Administrative Officer Grade posts, 13 Health Inspector Grade posts, 2 Executive Officer Grade posts, 3 Clerical Officer Grade posts, 2 Personal Secretary Grade posts and 13 contract staff. The estimated staff cost in 2019-20 is about \$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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