

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the work of continuing to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations, will the Government answer the following questions:

1. In October 2018, the Government proposed building a public market in Tung Chung. Is it a traditional market like Yeung Uk Road Market and Pei Ho Street Market? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
2. Local residents in Tung Chung have long been requesting a cooked food centre in the district to meet their daily needs. Will the Department consider building a cooked food centre at Area 1 in Tung Chung (the station adjacent to Tat Tung Road Garden)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
3. How does the operation mode of a modern market differ from that of a traditional market (e.g. Yeung Uk Road Market and Pei Ho Street Market)?

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 519)

Reply:

As announced in the 2018 Policy Address, the Government plans to build a new public market at the lower floors of a commercial building in Tung Chung Area 6, which is adjacent to Tung Chung MTR Station. In building a new-generation public market, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will introduce new design features to facilitate modern management and meet the expectations of patrons in today's retail environment. Preliminary design features include –

- (a) the stalls should be of reasonable size such that stall operators can conduct all the business operation, including storage, preparation, sale, and cleaning (floor drainage inside), within the stall boundary to prevent obstruction;
- (b) the stall passageways for patrons should be wide enough to allow pleasant strolling and shopping as well as easy access by strollers and wheelchairs;
- (c) universal accessibility provisions must be provided up to contemporary standards;

- (d) more space should be reserved for passageways, communal areas, creating a cleaner and enticing environment for a better shopping experience; and
- (e) the market should be provided at the lower floors with stalls spreading over at most two floors with easy access to pedestrian traffic.

Further details of the new market project would be available when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

Public markets are positioned as one of the major sources of shopping fresh food provisions for the public. They should be kept reasonably decent, clean, neat and tidy without being unduly upmarket. These guiding principles will be observed in the development of new markets.

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