

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

It is proposed that a public market will be built in Tung Chung and the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area respectively. In this connection, please advise this Committee on:

1. the progress of the preparatory work for the provision of the 2 public markets and the manpower involved; and
2. the resources allocated by the Department in the coming year for the construction/design of the said public markets.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 310)

Reply:

The Government has initially identified suitable sites in the east of Tung Chung New Town Extension Area as well as in the southwest of Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area for public markets. These projects are at different stages of planning. We are working with relevant departments in delivering these new markets.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has set up a dedicated team to take forward, among other duties, the planning of new markets with the support of 37 staff. The estimated expenditure to be incurred in 2019-20 is \$33.9 million. Further details of the new market projects would be available when the scope of works is finalised, and upon completion of technical feasibility studies and cost-effectiveness assessment.

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