

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  
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Question:

It is stated that during 2020-21, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations, take forward the proposed projects and take action to close public markets which are under-utilised. In this regard, please advise on:

1. the selected or possible locations for planning new public market facilities and the estimated expenditure involved; and
2. the public markets being closed or to be closed.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. The Government is taking forward 7 new market projects which are at different stages of planning. They include the development of new public markets in Tin Shui Wai, Tung Chung Town Centre, Tseung Kwan O, Kwu Tung North New Development Area, Tung Chung New Town Extension and Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area as well as the establishment of a temporary market in Tin Shui Wai.

For the temporary market in Tin Shui Wai, the current estimated project cost is close to \$30 million. As for other new market projects, the estimated expenditure will be available upon finalisation of the scope of works and completion of technical feasibility studies and assessment.

2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department plans to close Tui Min Hoi Market in 2020-21. As at 31 December 2019, there were 19 stalls let out in the market, and the occupancy rate was about 56%. FEHD will continue to review the usage and development potential of other markets, and tentatively plans to take forward the preparatory and consultation work for closure of another 4 markets. Views from other government departments have been sought in accordance with established procedures to formulate proposals for putting the premises concerned to gainful long-term uses.

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