CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 under this Programme, the Department will "continue to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations and take forward the proposed projects". Please advise this Committee on:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower involved in implementing the proposed projects in the coming year; and
- (b) the number of suitable locations being considered and the districts which they are in.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has set up a dedicated team to develop new markets and take forward the Market Modernisation Programme and other reviews. In 2020-21, there are 44 posts in the team and the estimated expenditure is about \$40 million.
- (b) 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.