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Question:

With regard to the work of providing new public markets and the implementation of the Market Modernisation Programme to improve facilities of existing public markets, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. What are the timetable for the development, target completion date and size of the public market in Tung Chung?
2. Will the Department consider providing a temporary market before the completion of the market in Tung Chung? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
3. Regarding the timetable for the development of the public market in Tin Shui Wai, has the Department set a target completion date? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
4. Will the Department considering providing a temporary market before the completion of the market in Tin Shui Wai? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
5. Will the Department consider providing another public market in Tin Shui Wai North? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
6. Does the Department plan to provide public markets in other districts in the territory? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

- 1, 3, 4 & 6 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. The information on the projects is set out at Annex.

2. For provision of temporary markets, the facilities will need to fulfill the relevant hygiene and safety requirements. Considerable amount of resources will also be required to provide the basic facilities, such as ceiling, stall partitions, electrical installations, water supply system, drainage system, sewage system, ventilation facilities, lighting systems, fire safety system, refuse handling facilities, loading and unloading areas, etc. Experience also suggests that there are often many challenges in identifying suitable locations for the provision of temporary markets in developed areas. The difficulty in planning and providing temporary markets cannot be underestimated.

5. In considering whether to build new public markets, the Government takes into account a host of factors, including demographic mix of the area, community needs, availability of market facilities and number of fresh provision retail outlets in the vicinity. On the suitability of any potential sites for a new public market when the need for it is confirmed, consideration will be given to their geographical location, existing and planned uses, usable area and ancillary transport facilities nearby, in order to ensure that, upon completion, the markets will be of a substantial scale and viability and that public finances and land resources can be optimised. The current site selected for the new public market in Tin Shui Wai is well-connected by public transport and close to Mass Transit Railway station and public transport interchanges, and accessible to members of the public. The Government is studying the technical feasibility of the project. When the assessment is completed, the project will be implemented as soon as possible according to the established procedures. Depending on the actual progress, the market is expected to be completed in the first half of 2027.

	Project	Location/Scope	Current stage of development	Expected completion date
1.	Tin Shui Wai temporary market (Tin Sau Road)	The temporary market will be built at the open space adjacent to Tin Sau Road Park using the modular integrated construction method. It is expected to provide about 40 stalls focusing on sale of fish, meat, vegetables and fruits.	Preparation of construction drawings and pre-construction works are underway.	The fourth quarter of 2020
2.	Tin Shui Wai market (a section of Tin Fuk Road)	A decked-over market will be built at the section of Tin Fuk Road near Tin Shui Wai Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Station. It is expected to provide a maximum of about 150 stalls.	The technical feasibility study is underway.	The first half of 2027
3.	Tung Chung Town Centre market (Area 6)	The market will be located on the lower floors of a commercial building to be built by a developer in Area 6 adjacent to Tung Chung MTR Station. It is expected to provide at least 100 stalls.	The technical feasibility study for the entire commercial building development project (including the public market) is underway.	To be announced upon completion of the technical feasibility study and assessment.

	Project	Location/Scope	Current stage of development	Expected completion date
4.	Tseung Kwan O market	The market will be located on the lower floors of the proposed joint-user building for community facilities at Tseung Kwan O town centre.	The study and preliminary planning on the site selection for the joint-user building for community facilities (including the new public market) are underway.	To be announced upon completion of the technical feasibility study and assessment.
5.	Kwu Tung North New Development Area market	To be confirmed upon completion of preliminary planning.	Preliminary planning is underway.	The development of the public markets will tie in with the housing development plan of the districts concerned.
6.	Tung Chung New Town Extension market			
7.	Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area market			

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