

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

In this Programme, it is stated that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to plan new public market facilities at suitable locations and take forward the proposed projects, and take action to close public markets which are under-utilised. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- a) the list of new public markets planned to be built in the coming year, the estimated number of stalls and commissioning timetable of these markets;
- b) how the impacts of new public markets on environmental hygiene in the vicinity will be carefully assessed in the process of identifying sites for building public markets; and
- c) the list of public markets planned to be closed in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

- a) The Government is taking forward 6 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. Information on the projects is provided at Annex. Besides, FEHD Skylight Market (formerly known as Tin Shui Wai Temporary Market) located at Tin Sau Road, Tin Shui Wai was commissioned in December 2020.
- b) In identifying suitable sites for building new markets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will take into account their geographical locations, existing/planned uses, usable area and ancillary transport facilities nearby, etc., in order to ensure that, upon completion, the markets will be of a substantial scale to attract patrons and that public finances and land resources can be optimised. The Department will conduct a preliminary environmental review for the market projects

at the design stage, and work out appropriate mitigation plans based on the results and recommendations of the review report. Besides, the Department will incorporate suitable measures in the hardware design of the markets as appropriate (e.g. rodent proofing measures on building structure, providing a storeroom for temporary storage of pig carcass and space for handling and recycling discarded foam boxes, etc.), and ensure proper daily market management after the commissioning of the markets, so as to minimise the impact of the operation of public markets on the environmental hygiene nearby.

- c) The Department plans to close Choi Hung Road Market in 2021-22 and already received the forms for confirmation of intention from all tenants in November 2020. The market is expected to be closed in March 2022. The Department 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.

| | Project | Proposed site | Project size | Expected completion date |
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| 1. | Tin Shui Wai market | A section of Tin Fuk Road adjoining Tin Shui Wai Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Station | Expected to provide a maximum of about 150 stalls. | Subject to the funding approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, we expect the project to be completed in the first half of 2027. |
| 2. | Tung Chung Town Centre market | The lower floors of a commercial building in Area 6 adjacent to Tung Chung MTR Station | Expected to provide at least 100 stalls. | As the development project at the commercial site in Area 6 is adjacent to railway facilities, the Civil Engineering and Development Department is conducting a further technical feasibility study for the entire commercial building development project (including the new market portion) to ensure that the development project will not affect the safe operation of the MTR. The timetable will be confirmed after the completion of the above study. |

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| 3. | Tseung Kwan O market | The lower floors of the joint-user complex planned to be built in Area 67 of Tseung Kwan O (at the junction of Po Yap Road and Tong Yin Street) | Expected to provide no less than 120 stalls. | To be confirmed after completion of the technical feasibility study and assessment as well as detailed design of the joint-user complex. |
| 4. | Kwu Tung North New Development Area market | The site zoned as “Special Residential/Subsidised Sale Flats” in the eastern part of Area 19 of Kwu Tung North New Development Area | Expected to provide no less than 120 stalls. | The development of the public markets will tie in with the housing development plan of the districts concerned. |
| 5. | Tung Chung New Town Extension market | Area 133A of Tung Chung New Town Extension | To be confirmed after completion of preliminary planning. | |
| 6. | Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area market | To be confirmed after completion of preliminary planning. | | |

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