

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

On the plans to develop new markets, please set out:

- i. the details (the area, number of stalls and expected population to be served), expenditure and progress of each of the new market projects launched in the past 3 years; and
- ii. the new market projects being planned by the Government, the expenditure involved, progress and target completion dates.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

Sunlight Market located in Tung Chung (formerly known as Tung Chung Temporary Market) was commissioned at the end of March 2023. With an area of about 2 275 square metres, the market provides 36 stalls. The project cost was about \$48.5 million.

In addition, the Government is taking forward a number of new market projects that are at different planning stages:

- (i) Construction of the new market in Tin Shui Wai commenced in late December 2022. The market is expected to provide about 150 stalls, and the works are expected to be completed by the second half of 2027 at the earliest. The estimated cost of the project is about \$1.499 billion in money-of-the-day prices.
- (ii) Endorsement of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council has been obtained for the construction of a Joint-user Complex with Market in Area 67 of Tseung Kwan O. Subject to the Finance Committee's (FC) funding approval, the works will commence as soon as possible. The market is expected to provide about 140 stalls, and the works are expected to be completed in around 4.5 years. The estimated cost of the entire project (including public market, medical and health facilities and social welfare facilities, etc.) is about \$3.25 billion in money-of-the-day prices.
- (iii) The Government is inviting tender for the construction of the market in Kwu Tung North New Development Area (NDA), and plans to seek funding approval from the FC in mid-

2024. The market is expected to provide about 150 stalls. The estimated cost of the project is to be confirmed upon completion of the tender exercise.

The Government will consider the actual needs of NDAs and New Town Extension, and depending on the circumstances, implement new market projects in a timely manner.

In identifying sites for building new markets, the Government will take into account a host of factors, including the geographical location, existing/planned uses, usable area and ancillary transport facilities in the vicinity, with a view to ensuring that the markets, upon completion, will be of a considerable scale and that the use of public finances and land resources can be optimised. Therefore, the new markets will serve not only the nearby residents, but also members of the public who travel via the relevant transport hubs. The Government will continue to explore the feasibility of building new markets in the NDAs.

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