

LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

**Follow-up actions arising from the
Meeting held on 19 December 2002**

When Members discussed the agenda on “Follow-up discussion on the Report of the Investigation Team for the 2002 Avian Influenza Incident” on 19 December 2002, the Administration was asked to provide information on –

- (a) whether the chickens of the poultry stall in Mui Wo market which was ordered to be closed on 19 December 2002 are from local farms or the Mainland; and
- (b) action taken against poultry retail outlets which have breached licensing/tenancy conditions relating to the prevention of avian flu.

2. On (a) above, we have traced back the relevant poultry supplier at the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market. According to that supplier, his laan sourced chickens from both the Mainland and local farms.

3. On (b) above, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department issued 3,281 verbal warnings and 19 written warnings to market poultry stall and fresh provision shop (FPS) operators for breaching specific conditions on the prevention of avian flu in 2002. These include overcrowding of live poultry, dressed poultry not stored under refrigeration and faecal trays of poultry cages missing, etc. The Department has taken action to cancel the licences of two FPS operators found to have breached the “rest day” condition prohibiting the keeping of live poultry on rest day.