

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 25NM – Retro-fitting of air-conditioning and general improvement works at Shek Wu Hui Cooked Food Centre, Sheung Shui

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2004-05)34 on the above project on 23 June 2004, the Public Works Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide information on the estimated and actual electricity charges for the air-conditioning system of Luen Wo Hui Market.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. There is no separate air-conditioning system for the Luen Wo Hui Market and Cooked Food Centre (LWHMCFC). The LWHMCFC shares the air-conditioning system with other floors in the Luen Wo Hui Municipal Services Building. The estimated annual electricity charges of the air-conditioning system of LWHMCFC in May 2002 prior to the commissioning of the facility were \$4.16 million. The total air-conditioning charges for the LWHMCFC stalls were determined on the basis of the estimated annual electricity charges and the annual maintenance cost of \$1.57 million for the air-conditioning system.

3. The assessed actual electricity charges and maintenance cost for the LWHMCFC air-conditioning system in 2003-04 are \$7.4 million and \$1.57 million respectively. The assessed actual expenditure on electricity is higher than the original estimated charges because of under-estimation and changed operational conditions (e.g. lower temperature-setting in response to demands from stallholders and more air intake to improve ventilation in the LWHMCFC during the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome).
