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Dear Ms Hon,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value of money audits (Report No. 48)**

**Chapter 4: Management of government
fresh food wholesale markets**

Thank you for your letter of 30 May 2007.

In the Government Minute tabled in LegCo in May 2004, we undertook to keep the Panel on Food Safety and Environment Hygiene informed of the development of the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market (CSWWFM) Phase 2. As the matter straddled across different policy areas such as land administration apart from the policy on the construction of fresh food wholesale markets, and there was a need to take into account the sentiments of the different stakeholders, the

Administration had taken some time to explore the various options for the development of the CSWWFM Phase 2 site, including the need to reprovise the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market.

During this period, the Administration had diligently followed up on the environmental nuisance and traffic problems caused by the operation of the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market. The Administration had also maintained a dialogue with the Working Group on the Reprovisioning of the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market under the Yau Tsim Mong District Council at the local level, and had met with the Working Group for a number of times.

Given the complexity of the matter, it was not until earlier this year that the Administration had arrived at the current proposal to relocate the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market to part of the CSWWFM Phase 2 site. As soon as we have come up with a more acceptable and feasible way forward, we issued a paper to inform the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on the development on 30 April 2007.

Yours sincerely,



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