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Dear Ms Ma,

Public Works Subcommittee

Follow-up to meeting on 26 March 2008

At the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee on 26 March 2008, in endorsing the proposed general improvement to Fa Yuen Street Market and Cooked Food Centre (the Market) as set out in PWSC(2007-08)78, Members requested the Administration to provide details of the proposed terms of rental concession for consultation with the affected stall lessees and report the outcome of the consultation together with the information on the proposed terms provided to the stall lessees in the consultation. The response of the Administration is set out below.

At the Fa Yuen Street Market Management Consultative Committee meeting held on 31 March 2008, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) consulted representatives of the affected stall lessees again on the proposed terms of rental concession. The proposed terms, which are in line with the Government's general guidelines for granting rental concession to stall lessees affected by market improvement works, are as follows –

- (a) Rental concession if suspension of business is required during the works period –
 - (i) for suspension of stall business less than one week, 100% waiver during the suspension period;

- (ii) for suspension of stall business lasting for one week or more but less than two months, 100% waiver during the suspension period plus additional 100% waiver for a period equivalent to the suspension period or 1 month after resumption of business, whichever is the less; and
 - (iii) for suspension of stall business lasting for two months or more, 100% waiver during the suspension period plus additional 100% waiver for two months after resumption of business.
- (b) Rental concession if suspension of business is not required during the works period –
- (i) for works being carried out on the same floor of the Market, 50% waiver during the works period; and
 - (ii) for works being carried out on other floor(s) of the Market, 30% waiver during the works period.

Note: If the lessee has been granted additional 100% waiver under (a)(ii) or (iii) above, the lessee cannot enjoy the 50% or 30% waiver under (b)(i) or (ii) at the same time.

The stall lessees raised no objection to the above. FEHD has also explained to the stall lessees that the exact concession amount can only be determined nearer the time of project commencement when the final works schedule and the exact duration of business suspension required are known. The stall lessees did not object to this arrangement. FEHD will continue to keep stall lessees informed of the project progress and will strive to minimise any inconvenience that may be caused by the improvement works to the stall lessees and market patrons.

Yours sincerely,



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