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Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets

Proposed Work Plan

Purpose

This paper seeks members' views on a proposed work plan of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets ("the Subcommittee").

Proposed work plan

2. The proposed work plan of the Subcommittee is set out in the table below -

Subject	Proposed timing for discussion	Remarks
1. Consultancy study on improving the operating environment of public markets Meeting with the Administration and the consultant	29 April 2014	At the Subcommittee meeting on 25 March 2014 ("the first Subcommittee meeting"), members urged the Administration to invite the consultant to discuss with members before finalizing the consultancy report.
2. The positioning, functions and usages of public markets	23 June 2014	At the first Subcommittee meeting, members were of the view that the Administration should review the positioning, functions and management of public markets. To facilitate members' discussion, the

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		Administration was requested to provide details of each public market (including the number of rented and vacant stalls) and an evaluation of the operating environment of each public market.
<p>3. Provision of air-conditioning facilities in public markets (including air-conditioning charging arrangement)</p>	<p>July 2014</p>	<p>At the first Subcommittee meeting, the Administration was requested to provide detailed information on the provision of air-conditioning facilities in each public market and cooked food centre, including the reasons for providing and not providing air-conditioning, as well as the air-conditioning charging and maintenance arrangement.</p>
<p>4. Consultancy report on and the Administration's proposed measures for improving the operating environment of public markets</p> <p>Meeting with the Administration and the consultant</p>	<p>4th quarter 2014</p>	<p>At the informal meeting on 2 April 2014 between the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Administration to discuss the work plan of the Subcommittee, the Administration was requested to arrange a presentation on the study outcome by the consultant after the completion of the study.</p> <p>The Administration also advised that it planned to brief members on proposed measures to improve the operating environment of public markets after accepting the final report of the consultancy study.</p>

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<p>5. Rental adjustment mechanism</p> <p>The Administration proposes to consult the Subcommittee on the rental adjustment mechanism for public markets.</p>	4 th quarter 2014	At the first Subcommittee meeting, most of the members were of the view that the Administration should review the public market policy and examine the functions and positioning of public markets before putting forward any proposals for rental adjustments.
<p>6. Issues relating to establishing new markets</p>	4 th quarter 2014	At the first Subcommittee meeting, some members suggested that the Administration should also examine the need for constructing new public markets.

3. The number of meetings and the timing for discussion of each subject can be adjusted in the light of the progress of discussion. Where considered necessary, the Subcommittee may invite interested parties to give views on specific subject(s).

Advice sought

4. Members are invited to endorse the proposed work plan.