

Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 7 December 2016
Issue requiring follow-up actions by the Administration

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Forecast of submissions for the 2016-17 Legislative Council Session

At the request of Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung, the Administration will provide information on the progress of the provision of markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Tung Chung.

The Administration's response is as follows:

In considering the provision of a new public market, the Government will take into account all relevant factors on a case-by-case basis, including the population within an area, population mix, local needs, market facilities in neighbourhood, number of fresh provision shops, etc. For the Tung Chung New Town, there are at present market facilities and other fresh provision retail shops such as the public wet markets in Yat Tung Estate and Fu Tung Estate. Two new public wet markets are to be further provided within public housing developments in Areas 56 and 39 of Tung Chung, which are under construction for completion by 2017 and 2018 tentatively.

Taking into account the comments of Members and the public, the Government has assessed the need of building public markets in the Tung Chung New Town Extension (TCNTE) area. The Government aims to enable the residents to purchase fresh food near their residence, and at the same time ensures the efficient use of public resources. Sites have already been reserved in TCNTE for general "Government, Institution or Community" uses in which public markets are always permitted, and these sites can be made available for possible development of public and community facilities including public markets should the need arise. Retail facilities including markets can also be provided on sites in "Residential (Group A)" zoning for both public and private housing developments.

Relevant bureaux and departments, including the Food and Health Bureau, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Development Bureau and Planning Department will work closely together to follow up the issue during the detailed design and implementation stage of TCNTE. The Government is now identifying a suitable site at strategic location in TCNTE for building a new public market. It is expected that the public market could be developed as a large scale market in the region, serving not only the TCNTE, but also the entire Tung Chung area.

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