

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions (position as at 12 October 2020)

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<p>1. Proposed creation of two directorate posts in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for planning and implementation of municipal facility projects</p>	<p>14 May 2019</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information:</p> <p>(a) given that a five-year supernumerary directorate Administrative Officer Staff Grade C ("AOSGC") post (designated as Assistant Director (Market Special Duties) ("AD(MSD)")) upon creation and proposed to be retitled as Assistant Director (Market Review) ("AD(MR)")) under the current exercise) was already created in January 2018 to take forward a fundamental review and oversee the implementation of various measures for improving the facilities and management of public markets, the justification for creating a permanent AOSGC post (to be designated as Assistant Director (Market Development) ("AD(MD)")) to take forward measures on market modernization and development of new public markets;</p> <p>(b) the major differences in job duties of AD(MR) and AD(MD) and the proposed delineation of work and responsibilities</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>between the two posts, as well as the performance indicators to be adopted for evaluating the performance of the two post holders;</p> <p>(c) the work progress of the dedicated team led by the existing AD(MSD) in respect of taking forward the review of the facilities as well as management of public markets and the implementation of enhancement measures for revitalizing and modernizing the operation and management of markets (including the progress of the improvement works at the six representative markets selected by the consultant for detailed study and specific improvement recommendations);</p> <p>(d) whether the Administration would consider members' suggestion to create the AD(MD) post on a supernumerary basis (say, for three or five years) and examine the need for extending the post or converting it into permanent basis before the expiry of the initial period taking into account the work progress of the tasks concerned; and</p> <p>(e) a written response to the questions raised in Hon SHIU Ka-chun's letter dated</p>	

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		14 May 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1440/18-19(01)).	
2. Financial commitment for culling of pigs and follow-up work due to African Swine Fever ("ASF")	11 June 2019	The Administration was requested to provide information on the estimated number of practitioners involved in the supply chain of live pigs in Hong Kong (including the respective number of pig farmers, slaughterhouse operators, livestock agents, buyers, workers in pig farms/slaughterhouses/meat transportation companies as well as meat stall owners/operators).	The Administration's response was set out in Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(2)1426/19-20(01) which was issued on 10 August 2020.
	12 November 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) whether the Administration would consider devising long-term plans/measures to ease the financial pressure on industries affected by ASF and the reduced supply of Mainland live pigs (e.g. extending the rental reduction period for meat stalls in public markets);</p> <p>(b) whether any enhanced measures would be taken to support the local pig rearing industry (e.g. lifting the existing control on the licensed rearing capacity of local pig farms and providing subsidies to farmers); and</p>	

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		(c) whether and how the Administration would explore different importing sources to increase the supply of pork and stabilize the retail price.	
3. Proposed injection into the Fishing Moratorium Loan Scheme	14 January 2020	The Administration was requested to provide, in its paper to be submitted to the Finance Committee seeking funding approval, more information on the Fishing Moratorium Loan Scheme, including (a) the number of applications received/approved; (b) the total amount of loans issued to owners of fishing vessels and fish collectors; and (c) the average loan amount disbursed under the Scheme in each of the past five years.	The Administration's response was set out in Enclosure 2 to FCR(2020-21)56 which was issued on 6 July 2020.
4. Development of new public markets and implementation of the Market Modernization Programme	12 May 2020	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the scope of works and implementation timetable in respect of the minor refurbishment or improvement works to be carried out in Ngau Tau Kok Market and Shui Wo Street Market;</p> <p>(b) whether consideration would be given to carrying out minor refurbishment or improvement works in more public markets, in particular, Sai Kung Market</p>	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1314/19-20 on 6 July 2020.

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		<p>and if so, the details of the Administration's plan;</p> <p>(c) whether assistance and ex-gratia payments had been/would be provided to stall tenants affected by the renovation works being carried out at the cooked food market in Tai Po Hui Market, and if yes, the details;</p> <p>(d) regarding the temporary market to be provided at the open space adjacent to Tin Sau Road Park in Tin Shui Wai, whether the Administration had any plan to convert the temporary market into a permanent one in the future to serve the residents living in the northern part of Tin Shui Wai;</p> <p>(e) whether the Administration would consider providing a temporary market respectively in (i) the vicinity of Kam Sheung Road Station in Yuen Long and (ii) the town centres of Tung Chung and Tseung Kwan O, while planning for the construction of new public markets in these two districts;</p> <p>(f) details of the progress of the new public market project in Tung Chung town centre and the modes of operation and</p>	

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		<p>management to be adopted for the new market; and</p> <p>(g) whether consideration would be given to setting up an advisory committee comprising relevant stakeholders (including Federation of Hong Kong Kowloon New Territories Hawkers Associations) to engage views on those overhaul projects under the Market Modernization Programme and to enhance communication with the tenants concerned during project implementation.</p>	
<p>5. Implementation of the Food Surveillance Programme ("FSP")</p>	<p>9 June 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) regarding the food samples collected for testing under FSP as set out in the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)1128/19-20(03)), the place(s) of origin of (i) the seven unsatisfactory online food samples which had been detected with metallic contaminants, pesticide residues or veterinary drug residues exceeding the relevant safety standards and (ii) the 13 unsatisfactory food samples found to have exceeded the maximum levels of metallic contaminants under the Food</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1404/19-20 on 28 July 2020.</p>

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		<p>Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) (Amendment) Regulation 2018;</p> <p>(b) regarding the 6 100 samples of aquatic products and related products collected for testing in 2019 under FSP, a breakdown by (i) types (i.e. product classification; raw versus cooked; captured versus cultured) and (ii) sources (i.e. their place of origin or from where the samples were bought/taken); and</p> <p>(c) in relation to the testing of vegetables under FSP in recent years, (i) the respective numbers of samples of local vegetables and imported vegetables collected for testing in each of those years and (ii) the respective percentage shares of the tested samples in the total volume of local vegetables and imported vegetables supplied in the local market.</p>	
<p>6. Work progress in the tackling of the threat of antimicrobial resistance ("AMR") in food animals</p>	<p>13 July 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the number of registered veterinary surgeons (i) currently providing veterinary services to local livestock and fish farms or (ii) to be engaged by the Jockey Club</p>	<p>The Administration's response was set out in Annex B to LC Paper No. CB(2)1426/19-20(01) which was issued on 10 August 2020.</p>

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		<p>College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences of The City University of Hong Kong under the "veterinary prescription-only medication supply" measure to provide veterinary services to local livestock and fish farms; and the estimated ratio of veterinary surgeons to food animals reared in local livestock and fish farms; and</p> <p>(b) whether the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department would consider conducting a study to find out how abuse or misuse of antimicrobials in food animals would pose adverse effect to human health (e.g. how AMR would spread from food animals to humans through the food chain).</p>	