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(Attn : Miss Sandy CHU)

Dear Miss CHU,

**The Public Accounts Committee's consideration of  
The Director of Audit's Report No. 27**

**Re : The provision of government wholesale food markets**

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2002. Our input is as below :

"Having regard to the objection of the wholesalers towards operating in a multi-storey market complex involving five trades and the need to detach relocation of poultry market from the project on public health ground arising from avian flu, the Administration has decided that the original five-trade proposal for the Phase II project will not be pursued. We are reviewing other options of developing the Phase II site for wholesale market purpose taking into account the current economic environment and land demand, the traders' concerns, as well as the need for reprovisioning of individual wholesale markets. We will keep the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene informed of our plan."

Yours sincerely,

( S P LAM )

for Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

c.c. Director of Audit