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Chairman
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Attention: Mr Colin Chui

Dear Mr Chui

I refer to your letter of 17 December 2003, seeking information on the timing for the trial scheme on a more flexible upset price-setting mechanism.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department introduced the trial scheme in August 2003 in three public markets. As at the end of November 2003, 24 out of the 182 long-standing vacant stalls offered for letting at reduced upset prices had been successfully leased. The Department will conduct another round of auction under the trial scheme next month and we shall review the results in February/March 2004. We shall keep PAC informed of the result of our review and the way forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carrie Yau", written over a horizontal line.

(Mrs Carrie Yau)

Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food