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Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

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Study on wholesale markets

At present, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") manages four Government wholesale food markets, namely Western Wholesale Food Market, Cheung Sha Wan ("CSW") Wholesale Food Market, CSW Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market and North District Temporary Whole Market for Agriculture Products. Statistics of the wholesale and consumption of fresh food relating to the four wholesale food markets are in **Appendix**.

- 2. While the Administration consulted the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene ("the Panel") on rental adjustments of CSW Wholesale Food Market and Western Wholesale Food Market at the meeting on 13 March 2012, issues relating to the roles and functions of wholesale markets were not discussed. In reply to a written question raised by a member of the Finance Committee in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2012-2013, the Administration advised that it had commissioned a consultancy study on the roles and functions of wholesale markets in Hong Kong as well as the location of wholesale markets from the perspective of land use and food safety.
- 3. When discussing the subject of prevention and control of avian influenza at a special meeting held on 29 January 2014, the Panel passed a motion urging the Administration to look squarely at the strong aspirations of residents in the vicinity of the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market, expeditiously identify sites for relocating the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market to make it far away from residential areas, so as to safeguard public safety.
- 4. At the Panel meeting on 13 May 2014, members agreed that it would be timely for the Administration to brief members on the progress of the study on

wholesale markets, after the Panel conducted the visit to CSW Wholesale Vegetable Market and CSW Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market on 27 May 2014.

5. The Administration will update members on the progress of the study on wholesale markets at the meeting on 10 June 2014.

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Wholesale and Consumption of Fresh Food

A. Government Wholesale Food Markets

Name of wholesale food markets	Western Wholesale Food Market		Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market		Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market		North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products		
Address 8 Fung Mat Road, Western District, H.K. Market site area (ha) 6.20		36 Yen Chow Street, Kowloon		1 & 4 Hing Wah Street, Kowloon		On Kui Street, On Lok Tsuen, Fanling, N.T.			
		20	10.00		2.60		1.25		
Date of commissioning		18.10.1991 (Phase I) 1.3.1994 (Phase II)		1.10.1993		1.11.1974		7.2.1989	
Wholesale facilities	No. of Stalls	Stall (sq.m)	No. of Stalls	Stall (sq.m)	No. of Stalls	Stall (sq.m)	No. of Stalls	Stall (sq.m)	
Vegetable market	208	23 - 163	240	35 - 206	-	-	52	5 - 220	
Egg market	72	44 - 65	46	87 - 171	-	-	-	-	
Freshwater fish market	50	61 - 149	37	162 - 242	-	-	-	-	
Poultry market	-	-	-	-	23	19 - 279	-	-	
Fruit market	133	36 - 283	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Mixed food block	49	9 - 319	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Market throughput	Tonnes	HK\$Mn	Tonnes	HK\$Mn	Tonnes	HK\$Mn	Tonnes	HK\$Mn	
Vegetable									
2011	60 923	566	164 930	1,663	-	-	48 703	329	
2012	64 864	686	163 458	1,776	-	-	46 131	394	
2013	50 486	579	166 455	1,938	-	-	43 442	444	
Egg									
2011	30 227	412	40 706	492	-	-	-	-	
2012	27 789	405	41 833	506	-	-	-	-	
2013	24 881	393	43 247	564	-	-	-	-	
Freshwater fish									
2011	11 896	223	37 569	938	-	1	-	ı	
2012	11 120	230	38 479	995	-	-	-	-	
2013	10 929	218	40 695	1,058	-	-	-	-	
Poultry									
2011	-	-	-	-	12 478	412	-	-	
2012	-	-	-	-	13 038	442	-	-	
2013	-	-	-	-	12 537	466	-	-	
Fruit									
2011	100 395	1,082	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2012	102 481	1,120	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2013	103 657	1,171	-	-	-	-	-	-	

B. Average daily consumption of fresh food

Fresh food items	2011	2012	2013
Vegetables (tonnes)	1,980	2,290	2,270
Fruits (tonnes)	1,630	1,720	1,740
Marine fish (tonnes)	260	310	290
Eggs (tonnes)	260	280	290
Freshwater fish (tonnes)	140	180	230
Live poultry (tonnes)	34	36	34
Live pig (heads)	4,270	4,480	4,580
Live cattle (heads)	79	71	53

Source: Information downloaded from the website of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on 29 May 2014