

Updates on closure of cooked food hawkers bazaars (CFHBs)

We would like to update the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on the planned closure of CFHBs.

2. PAC has been informed that one of the three cooked food hawkers bazaars (CFHBs) planned for closure is the Tai Lin Pai CFHB. In paragraph 35 of our first batch of response issued on 2 June 2015, we said that we could not be more specific at that juncture about the work plan and timetable for vacating the three CFHBs lest premature disclosure might compromise the Government's position. We would now like to advise PAC that the other CFHB planned for closure is the Yu Chau West Street CFHB. On 23 June 2015, the Planning Department (PlanD) consulted the Sham Shui Po District Council (SSPDC) on the proposed rezoning of a Government site currently housing the Yu Chau West Street CFHB and Wing Hong Street Temporary Refuse Collection Point from government, institution or community use to commercial use. PlanD will consider the views expressed by the SSPDC and submit the proposed amendments to the Metro Planning Committee of the Town Planning Board for consideration in accordance with the established procedures in the latter half of 2015.

3. Since the restaurants within the industrial/ commercial and business area of Cheung Sha Wan can already meet the catering needs of the working population thereof, and the utilization rate of Yu Chau West Street CFHB has been persistently low, permanent closure of Yu Chau West Street CFHB will not affect the provision of catering service in the area. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), therefore, considers it appropriate to close the CFHB permanently and release the site for more gainful use. FEHD will draw up exit plans for the hawkers concerned taking into account the established policy and the hawkers' views.

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