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Dear Miss So,

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Motions passed at the meeting on 11 April 2017

Thank you for your letter of 13 April 2017. I write to provide the Government's response to the motions passed at the captioned meeting.

The Government is committed to improving both the hardware and software of public markets, and hence their vibrancy. As explained in Panel paper no. CB(2)1141/16-17(05) and discussed at the Panel meeting on 11 April 2017, the proposed supernumerary directorate post in question will be responsible for taking forward a fundamental review of the facilities and management of public markets. The officer filling the post will indeed be tasked with a number of duties, which aim to better ensure effective use of valuable land resources. These duties include formulating overall strategies and identifying markets for priority actions; working out implementation plans for revitalisation and consolidation of under-utilized markets; reviewing and enhancing the mode of operation and management of public markets; and assessing the merits of any proposals for new markets.

Having regard to the wide range of issues and interests involved, the officer will coordinate closely with all government departments concerned, and come up with an effective stakeholders engagement plan to ensure that all relevant considerations, including stakeholders' views, are taken into account.

At the Panel meeting, Members were generally supportive of our proposal to create the supernumerary directorate post for five years. We would follow up Members' concerns in the context of the fundamental review as planned, and look forward to Members' continued support for the proposal in the Establishment Sub-committee and the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene