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Dear Miss SO,

LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Follow-up Actions Arising from Meeting on 13 June 2017

Way forward for the live poultry trade in Hong Kong

In response to the Chairman's enquiry concerning the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) at the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 13 June 2017, the Government provides herewith the requested supplementary information on:

(a) the occupancy rate of market stalls

To tie in with the policy to reduce the number of live poultry wholesalers, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has stopped leasing out any vacant stalls at CSWTWPM to new or existing tenants since introduction of the voluntary surrender scheme in 2004/2005. The number of trading stalls has remained at 23 since 2008; and

(b) the number of wholesalers solely engaged in the trading of imported live poultry; and (c) the number of wholesalers engaged in the wholesaling of live chickens reared in local farms.

Currently, 13 out of 23 wholesalers are engaging in the wholesaling of live chickens reared in local farms. While Hong Kong is not imposing any restriction to the importation of Mainland live poultry, the supply has stopped since 16 February 2017. The remaining 10 wholesalers who used to engage in the wholesaling of imported live poultry have become inactive.

Yours sincerely,

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