

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 6 November 2019)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. Handling illegal importation of cats and dogs	16 April 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) regarding animal euthanasia, the total expenditure incurred by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") over the past three years and the percentage share of the expenditure on euthanizing illegally imported cats or dogs; and</p> <p>(b) in three months' time, the outcome of AFCD's review of the procedures and arrangements for handling special cases of illegal animal importation.</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.
2. Proposed creation of two directorate posts in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for planning and implementation of municipal facility projects	14 May 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information:</p> <p>(a) given that a five-year supernumerary directorate Administrative Officer Staff Grade C ("AOSGC") post (designated as Assistant Director (Market Special Duties) ("AD(MSD)")) upon creation and proposed to be retitled as Assistant Director (Market Review) ("AD(MR)"))</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>under the current exercise) was already created in January 2018 to take forward a fundamental review and oversee the implementation of various measures for improving the facilities and management of public markets, the justification for creating a permanent AOSGC post (to be designated as Assistant Director (Market Development) ("AD(MD)")) to take forward measures on market modernization and development of new public markets;</p> <p>(b) the major differences in job duties of AD(MR) and AD(MD) and the proposed delineation of work and responsibilities between the two posts, as well as the performance indicators to be adopted for evaluating the performance of the two post holders;</p> <p>(c) the work progress of the dedicated team led by the existing AD(MSD) in respect of taking forward the review of the facilities as well as management of public markets and the implementation of enhancement measures for revitalizing and modernizing the operation and management of markets (including the</p>	

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		<p>progress of the improvement works at the six representative markets selected by the consultant for detailed study and specific improvement recommendations);</p> <p>(d) whether the Administration would consider members' suggestion to create the AD(MD) post on a supernumerary basis (say, for three or five years) and examine the need for extending the post or converting it into permanent basis before the expiry of the initial period taking into account the work progress of the tasks concerned; and</p> <p>(e) a written response to the questions raised in Hon SHIU Ka-chun's letter dated 14 May 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1440/18-19(01)).</p>	
<p>3. Financial commitment for culling of pigs and follow-up work due to African Swine Fever</p>	<p>11 June 2019</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the estimated number of practitioners involved in the supply chain of live pigs in Hong Kong (including the respective number of pig farmers, slaughterhouse operators, livestock agents, buyers, workers in pig farms/slaughterhouses/meat transportation companies as well as meat stall owners/operators).</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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4. Policy initiatives of the Food Branch of the Food and Health Bureau	29 October 2019	<p>During the meeting to receive the briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address in respect of the portfolio of food safety, environmental hygiene as well as agriculture and fisheries, the Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p><u>Provision and management of public markets</u></p> <p>(a) details of the implementation progress of each of the seven new public market projects (including (i) when and how the design and layout plans were/would be drawn up, (ii) their scope of development, (iii) at what stages were such markets being developed, and (iv) the anticipated date of completion of each of the proposed projects);</p> <p>(b) in relation to the temporary market to be built at the open space adjacent to Tin Sau Road Park in Tin Shui Wai, (i) the mode of operation to be adopted (e.g. whether the management and operation of the temporary market would be outsourced to private firm(s)) and measures to be adopted by the Administration to prevent</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>monopolization of the stalls situated in the temporary market; and (ii) whether the Administration would consider setting up an advisory committee comprising members of the local communities, in order to monitor and assess the operating effectiveness of the temporary market;</p> <p><u>Issues relating to food safety</u></p> <p>(c) whether the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") would collect fresh fruit samples from markets located in or close to areas where the Police had deployed tear gas rounds in dispersal operations (in particular, from Yau Ma Tei Wholesale Fruit Market) for testing of harmful substances to ascertain whether the fruits had been contaminated by tear gas chemicals/residues and whether the fruits were still safe for human consumption;</p> <p>(d) whether AFCD and relevant departments would conduct inspections and studies to find out if the sea water at Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter and near Aberdeen was polluted by dyed/coloured water sprayed out by the Police's Specialised Crowd</p>	

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		<p>Management Vehicles in recent dispersal operations; and whether the Administration would assess the impact of the dyed/coloured water on marine environment and fish culture operations, if and when such water was discharged to the sea;</p> <p><u>Food safety management</u></p> <p>(e) regarding the recommendations of the Audit Commission and The Ombudsman on CFS' import control of foods, set out in detail in table form (i) the progress of CFS in implementing those recommendations which had been taken on board and (ii) recommendations which had not been accepted (if any) and the issues considered by the Administration in drawing up such a decision;</p> <p><u>Promotion of the mariculture industry</u></p> <p>(f) whether the Administration would consider (i) setting up a "natural disasters protection mechanism" for the mariculture industry, which included an insurance scheme for the mariculture industry,</p>	

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		<p>interest-free loans for post-disaster business resumption, etc.; and (ii) reviewing the eligibility criteria and application procedures for financial assistance for fishermen under the Emergency Relief Fund and if yes, the timetable of the review;</p> <p><u>Management of public toilets</u></p> <p>(g) whether the Administration would consider outsourcing the management of some public toilets to private operators; and</p> <p><u>Rodent control</u></p> <p>(h) statistics about rodent infestation in Hong Kong (including average lifespan of common species of commensal rodent found in Hong Kong, their reproduction rates and the projected position (in 10 years' time) of rodent infestation in the territory).</p>	