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**Proposed construction of the Animal Management and
Animal Welfare Building Complex in Kai Tak Development**

At present, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") operates four Animal Management Centres ("AMCs") respectively in the New Territories North, the New Territories South, Kowloon and Hong Kong Island to provide animal management services. The Kowloon Animal Management Centre ("AMC/K") serves Kowloon Peninsula and Tseung Kwan O district. It is also one of the Hong Kong's two quarantine centres for imported animals. The existing AMC/K is situated at Sung Wong Toi Road in To Kwa Wan.

2. According to a paper provided jointly by AFCD and the Architectural Services Department for the meeting of the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development held on 15 January 2019, under the town planning review of South East Kowloon, the existing AMC/K site has been earmarked for public housing development. The re-provisioning of AMC/K is a necessary step for releasing land in To Kwa Wan to achieve the Government's pledge of public housing provision. A suitable site in Kai Tak Development ("KTD") has been identified for the construction of a new Animal Management and Animal Welfare Building Complex ("AMAWBC").

3. According to information provided by the Administration to the Public Works Subcommittee in January 2019, the proposed scope of the AMAWBC project includes: (a) the construction of a new AMAWBC in KTD for re-provisioning the existing AMC/K in To Kwa Wan and for accommodating the offices and facilities of AFCD's Animal Management (Development) Division, Equine Disease Division, Veterinary Laboratory Division, Animal Health Division and Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong and its Secretariat; and (b) the demolition of the existing AMC/K. In

the new building complex, there will be about 200 animal keeping facilities, of which about 40 quarantine facilities are for imported animals and about 160 other facilities are for temporary keeping and caring of animals caught or received by AFCD.

4. In its written reply to a question raised by Hon KWONG Chun-yu in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2019-2020, the Administration has further advised that AFCD is planning to set up an animal rehoming facility in the proposed AMAWBC, with a view to complementing partner animal welfare organizations in the provision of rehoming services and enhancing promotional and education activities related to adoption.

5. The Administration will consult members on the proposed construction of AMAWBC in KTD at the Panel meeting on 12 November 2019.

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