

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 16 April 2020)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Proposed creation of two directorate posts in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") for planning and implementation of municipal facility projects</p>	<p>14 May 2019</p>	<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)")) 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</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>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 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>	

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		(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)).	
2. Financial commitment for culling of pigs and follow-up work due to African Swine Fever ("ASF")	11 June 2019	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).	Response from the Administration awaited.
	12 November 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) whether the Administration would consider devising long-term plans/measures to ease the financial pressure on industries affected by ASF and the reduced supply of Mainland live pigs (e.g. extending the rental reduction period for meat stalls in public markets);</p> <p>(b) whether any enhanced measures would be taken to support the local pig rearing</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>industry (e.g. lifting the existing control on the licensed rearing capacity of local pig farms and providing subsidies to farmers); and</p> <p>(c) whether and how the Administration would explore different importing sources to increase the supply of pork and stabilize the retail price.</p>	
<p>3. Rodent control work</p>	<p>10 December 2019</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) a list of the existing 41 areas selected for conducting Rodent Infestation Survey ("RIS") by setting monitoring baits to detect the extent of rodent activities under the rodent surveillance programme as well as the new areas to be included in the expanded list which would take effect from 2020 for the purpose of conducting RIS;</p> <p>(b) whether consideration would be given to including fresh markets and FEHD-managed public markets into the rodent surveillance programme for conducting RIS;</p>	<p>The Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response (LC Paper No. CB(2)637/19-20(01)) were issued to members on 26 and 27 February 2020 respectively.</p>

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		<p>(c) a copy of the report provided by the British expert in rodents who visited Hong Kong in early November 2019 on FEHD's invitation to provide advice on improvement in anti-rodent work;</p> <p>(d) the Administration's views, stance and comments on the advice provided by the British expert; and whether it would consider inviting more experts from the relevant field from the Mainland or other neighbouring regions where the climate, environment and people's living habits were similar to Hong Kong's to provide expert advice on rodent prevention and control;</p> <p>(e) whether new measures, technologies and strategies, other than those mentioned in the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)329/19-20(03)), would be adopted to improve the effectiveness of FEHD's rodent prevention and control work; and</p> <p>(f) whether performance standards would be set for monitoring and evaluating the pest control work delivered by service contractors.</p>	

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4. Proposed injection into the Fishing Moratorium Loan Scheme	14 January 2020	The Administration was requested to provide, in its paper to be submitted to the Finance Committee seeking funding approval, more information on the Fishing Moratorium Loan Scheme, including (a) the number of applications received/approved; (b) the total amount of loans issued to owners of fishing vessels and fish collectors; and (c) the average loan amount disbursed under the Scheme in each of the past five years.	Response from the Administration awaited.