

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 7 May 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. Proposed injection into the Fishing Moratorium Loan Scheme</p>	<p>14 January 2020</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>
<p>4. Mosquito control work</p>	<p>21 April 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) regarding FEHD's work in monitoring the performance of contractors engaged under outsourced service contracts to provide pest (including mosquito) control services,</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>(i) the weightings assigned to different criteria for evaluating the service performance of contractors; (ii) the number of contractors against which FEHD had, in recent years, taken punitive actions for substandard performance specifically, in connection with mosquito control; and (iii) measures taken/to be taken to strengthen the supervision of outsourced cleansing/pest control services;</p> <p>(b) the total expenditure incurred for installing about 2 700 new mosquito traps for prevention of mosquito breeding by various departments within the areas/venues under their management and the distribution and exact locations of the areas at which new mosquito traps had been placed;</p> <p>(c) among some 5 000 new ovitraps placed in the territory to replace the existing ones to calculate directly the density of adult mosquitoes, the number of new ovitraps placed in public rental housing estates and whether new ovitraps, and if yes, the number of such ovitraps, had been placed in Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate</p>	

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		<p>which situated at the Kai Tak Development;</p> <p>(d) whether additional measures would be taken by the Pest Control Steering Committee ("PCSC") to strengthen inter-departmental coordination and liaison with various bureaux/departments in carrying out pest control work and whether performance standards would be set for monitoring and evaluating the pest control work carried out by various bureaux/departments under the coordination of PCSC; and if yes, the details; and</p> <p>(e) the measures/enforcement actions taken/ to be taken by FEHD against street obstruction/piling of waste or articles by shops or vendors along pavements/ on roadsides which hindered sanitation, environmental hygiene and orderliness and easily became potential mosquito breeding grounds.</p>	
<p>5. Implementation of the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630)</p>	<p>21 April 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) a written response to the issues and questions raised in the submission from</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>the Alliance for the Concern Over Columbarium Policy (LC Paper No. CB(2)826/19-20(01)); and</p> <p>(b) whether and what assistance would be provided by the Private Columbaria Affairs Office to applicants to strengthen their liaison and communication with the relevant bureaux and departments, with a view to speeding up the processing/vetting of applications for specified instruments from private columbaria.</p>	