

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 9 June 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>

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<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>	

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		(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.

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<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, (i) the weightings assigned to different</p>	<p>The Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response (LC Paper No. CB(2)984/19-20(01)) were issued to members on 14 and 18 May 2020 respectively.</p>

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<p>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 gravidtraps placed in the territory to replace the existing ovitraps to calculate directly the density of adult mosquitoes, the number of gravidtraps placed in public rental housing estates and whether gravidtraps, and if yes, the number of such gravidtraps, had been placed in Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate which situated at the Kai Tak Development;</p>	

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<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>	

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<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 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>	<p>A whole set of the Administration's response to items (a) and (b) was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1165/19-20 on 8 June 2020.</p>
<p>6. Implementation of measures to reduce salt and sugar in food</p>	<p>12 May 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) whether voluntary sodium reduction targets had been set for the reference of bread manufacturers who had participated in the Salt Reduction Scheme striving to reduce the sodium content in their prepackaged white bread and wholemeal bread through product reformulation; and if yes, what the targets were; and</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1111/19-20 on 1 June 2020.</p>

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<p>(b) details of enforcement actions taken over the past few years against cases involving false claims of "low salt", "no salt", "low sugar" and "no sugar" on food product labels (including the information provided on nutrition labels or using the specific display labels under the voluntary "Salt/Sugar" Label Scheme for Prepackaged Food Products), including the numbers of prosecutions instituted and successful prosecutions made.</p>	
<p>7. Development of new public markets and implementation of the Market Modernization Programme</p>	<p>12 May 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the scope of works and implementation timetable in respect of the minor refurbishment or improvement works to be carried out in Ngau Tau Kok Market and Shui Wo Street Market;</p> <p>(b) whether consideration would be given to carrying out minor refurbishment or improvement works in more public markets, in particular, Sai Kung Market and if so, the details of the Administration's plan;</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<p>(c) whether assistance and ex-gratia payments had been/would be provided to stall tenants affected by the renovation works being carried out at the cooked food market in Tai Po Hui Market, and if yes, the details;</p> <p>(d) regarding the temporary market to be provided at the open space adjacent to Tin Sau Road Park in Tin Shui Wai, whether the Administration had any plan to convert the temporary market into a permanent one in the future to serve the residents living in the northern part of Tin Shui Wai;</p> <p>(e) whether the Administration would consider providing a temporary market respectively in (i) the vicinity of Kam Sheung Road Station in Yuen Long and (ii) the town centres of Tung Chung and Tseung Kwan O, while planning for the construction of new public markets in these two districts;</p> <p>(f) details of the progress of the new public market project in Tung Chung town centre and the modes of operation and management to be adopted for the new market; and</p>	

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		(g) whether consideration would be given to setting up an advisory committee comprising relevant stakeholders (including Federation of Hong Kong Kowloon New Territories Hawkers Associations) to engage views on those overhaul projects under the Market Modernization Programme and to enhance communication with the tenants concerned during project implementation.	