

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask on 08/06/05:

As a lot of new arrivals live in Tin Shui Wai, Radio Television Hong Kong's Putonghua Channel is setting up an FM transmitting station in the area to improve the broadcasting quality there. The works are scheduled for completion early this month and residents of the area will then be able to tune in to the programmes of the Putonghua Channel at FM100.9 MHz. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council, given that there are many new arrivals living in the urban areas and other areas in the New Territories apart from Tin Shui Wai, whether the authorities will extend the FM Putonghua broadcasting service to these areas to meet the needs of these new arrivals; if not, the reasons for that; and whether they will conduct studies or consult the relevant organizations and persons, including the District Councils concerned, regarding the extension of such service?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology**