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Question:

Please advise on the following:

The Expert Committee on Food Safety was established by the Administration to review the existing food safety standards in Hong Kong. In this connection, how much resources and manpower have been earmarked to support the work of the Committee? Will additional resources be provided for the Committee to speed up its review work? If so, what is the expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

There is no separate breakdown on the financial provision specially reserved for the operation of the Expert Committee on Food Safety. The Committee is advisory in nature and the present secretarial support provided to the Expert Committee is considered adequate to meet its operation needs.

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