

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

- (a) Please advise on the financial provision and manpower involved or to be involved in conducting food surveillance by the Centre for Food Safety in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.
- (b) Please also advise on the total number of food samples collected for testing in various projects under the Food Surveillance Programme of 2011 (including routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance projects and seasonal food surveillance projects) and the satisfactory rates.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The actual expenditure on food surveillance in 2009-10 and 2010-11 was \$48.7 million and \$51.4 million respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is \$54.4 million and \$56.1 million respectively.

The manpower establishment of the Centre for Food Safety in carrying out the above work in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 was 99, 102 and 110 respectively, and the estimated manpower provision for 2012-13 is 115.

- (b) In 2011, the number of food samples tested under routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance was 60 600, 3 000 and 1 300 respectively. The overall satisfactory rate is 99.7 per cent.

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