## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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## Question:

Please advise on the number of samples taken from various fresh food wholesale markets for testing from 2010 to 2012, with a breakdown by food type and market, as well as the number of samples with testing results exceeding the safety levels.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

## Reply:

The number of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets from 2010 to 2012 is as follows -

Wholesale Food Market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2010	2011	2012
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	vegetable	7	9	0
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	860	1 032	977
	poultry egg	131	116	138
	aquatic products	26	18	11
Western Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	433	941	863
	fruit	1 205	1 208	1 244
	poultry egg	89	116	98
	aquatic products	20	20	8
Total		2 771	3 460	3 339

From 2010 to 2012, a total of four vegetable samples (two taken from Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market and two from Western Wholesale Food Market) were found not meeting food safety standards.

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