

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

In respect of food surveillance, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the financial provision and manpower involved or to be involved in conducting food surveillance by the Centre for Food Safety from 2010-11 to 2012-13, as well as in 2013-14 respectively; and
- (b) the total number of food samples taken for testing in various projects under the Food Surveillance Programme in 2012 (including routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance) and the satisfactory rates.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The actual expenditure on food surveillance in 2010-11 and 2011-12 was \$51.4 million and \$51.6 million respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2012-13 and 2013-14 is \$53.4 million and \$54.9 million respectively.

The manpower establishment of the Centre for Food Safety in carrying out the above work in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 was 102, 110 and 112 respectively, and the estimated manpower provision for 2013-14 is 115.

- (b) In 2012, the number of food samples tested under routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance was 60 400, 3 400 and 1 200 respectively. The overall satisfactory rate is 99.8 per cent.

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