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Question (Member Question No. 15):

Please advise on the number of samples taken from various fresh food wholesale markets for testing from 2011-12 to 2013-14, with a breakdown by food type and market, as well as the number of samples with test 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 2011 to 2013 is kept on a calendar year basis. The information requested is as follows:

Wholesale Food Market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2011	2012	2013
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	vegetable	9	0	7
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	1 032	977	1 027
	poultry egg	116	138	159
	aquatic products	18	11	16
Western Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	941	863	844
	fruit	1 208	1 244	1 308
	poultry egg	116	98	111
	aquatic products	20	8	12
Total		3 460	3 339	3 484

From 2011 to 2012, a total of three samples of vegetables (one taken from Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market and two from Western Wholesale Food Market) were found not meeting food safety standards. No food sample from fresh food wholesale markets was found not meeting food safety standards in 2013.