

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 18):

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

- (a) the financial provision and manpower for food surveillance by the Centre for Food Safety in 2014-15; and
- (b) the total number of food samples taken for testing in various projects under the Food Surveillance Programme in 2013-14 (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 estimated expenditure on food surveillance in 2014-15 is \$61.9 million and the estimated manpower provision for carrying out the above work in 2014-15 is 115.
- (b) The statistics on food surveillance are kept on a calendar year basis. In 2013, the number of food samples tested under routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance was 59 200, 4 200 and 1 200 respectively. The overall satisfactory rate is 99.9 per cent.