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Question (Member Question No. 54):

Under this programme, there was a significant increase in the number of vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office in 2013 compared to that in 2012. In this connection, please advise on the reason(s) for the increase. Given that there will be a slight increase in the estimated number in 2014, please also advise whether the Department has sufficient manpower to cope with the work; if not, whether additional resources and manpower will be allocated for conducting the inspections. If additional resources and manpower will be provided, please give the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

More vehicles carrying vegetables were inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office in 2013 due to completion of the Man Kam To Food Control Office extension in March 2013. A similar number of inspections on vegetable vehicles is expected in 2014. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's current manpower and resources are sufficient to carry out the work in 2014.