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Question:

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 2015-16; and
- (b) the total number of food samples taken for testing in various projects under the Food Surveillance Programme in 2014-15 (including routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance) and the satisfactory rates.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated expenditure on food surveillance in 2015-16 is \$71.3 million and the estimated manpower provision is 115 posts.
- (b) The statistics on food surveillance are kept on a calendar year basis. In 2014, the number of food samples tested under routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance was 58 100, 4 900 and 1 100 respectively. The overall satisfactory rate is 99.8 per cent.