

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Please advise on the total number of cases in which excessive pesticides, heavy metals or toxic substances were detected in the vegetables supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 613)

Reply:

The number of non-compliant vegetable samples with pesticide residues and metallic contamination exceeding the relevant food safety standards and supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong from 2010 to 2014 is tabulated below –

| Nature of Non-compliance | No. of Non-compliant Vegetable Samples |      |      |      |      |       |
|--------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|-------|
|                          | 2010                                   | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | Total |
| Metallic Contamination   | 7                                      | 8    | 9    | 3    | 1    | 28    |
| Pesticide Residues       | 0                                      | 1    | 2    | 2    | 24   | 29    |
| Total                    | 7                                      | 9    | 11   | 5    | 25   | 57    |

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