

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

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Question:

There was a significant increase in the number of vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office in 2014 as compared to that in 2013. 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 2015, 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 (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

The actual number of vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office in 2014 represents a normal increase of around 6% from the number in 2013. We will absorb the additional manpower and expenditure required to undertake the increased inspection in 2015 from within existing resources.

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