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Question:

With regard to the inspections of registered vegetable farms on the Mainland supplying vegetables to Hong Kong in the past year, please provide information on the following:

- 1) the number of registered vegetable farms supplying vegetables to Hong Kong in each province;
- 2) the number of inspections conducted by the Department; whether any targets have been set for the number of inspections; if not, the reason(s); and
- 3) whether there will be an increase in the manpower and expenditure in 2016-17, as well as the details of the post(s) to be created; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

- 1) The number of registered vegetable farms in the Mainland which may supply vegetables to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province in 2015 is tabulated as follows –

Province	No. of Registered Vegetable Farms
Guangdong	113
Shenzhen	2
Zhuhai	1
Beijing	3
Chongqing	1
Fujian	2
Gansu	9

Guangxi	4
Guizhou	3
Hainan	15
Hebei	15
Henan	14
Hubei	13
Hunan	32
Jiangsu	30
Jiangxi	9
Liaoning	5
Neimongol	2
Ningxia	23
Shandong	79
Shanxi	2
Shanghai	13
Sichuan	3
Tianjin	1
Xiamen	8
Yunnan	34
Zhejiang	14
Total	450

- 2) The number of Mainland registered vegetable farms inspected in 2015 was 13. The plan was to inspect up to 20 vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas.
- 3) There is no plan to increase manpower establishment in 2016-17 for the purpose of inspecting registered vegetable farms on the Mainland supplying vegetables to Hong Kong as we have been able to handle the workload by using the existing manpower.

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