

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)135****(Question Serial No. 0235)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of samples taken from various fresh food wholesale markets for testing from 2013-14 to 2015-16, with a breakdown by food type and market, as well as the number of samples with test results exceeding the safety levels and the testing items (e.g. heavy metals, pesticide residues, etc.) involving exceedances.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 2)Reply:

The number of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets from 2013 to 2015 is kept on a calendar year basis. The information requested is as follows –

Wholesale Food Market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2013	2014	2015
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	vegetable	7	2	2
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	1 027	753	820
	poultry egg	159	202	160
	aquatic products	16	10	15
Western Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	844	566	758
	fruit	1 308	955	1 055
	poultry egg	111	175	159
	aquatic products	12	8	11
Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organization	vegetable	28	138	41
Total		3 512	2 809	3 021

In 2013, no food sample from the wholesale markets was found not meeting food safety standards. A total of six and four samples of vegetables from the wholesale food markets (all from the Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organization) were found with levels of pesticide residues not meeting the relevant food safety standards in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

- End -