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Question:

With regard to the import and export of fresh produce and agricultural products, please advise on the following:

- (a) the total value of fresh produce and agricultural products supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (b) the total value of fresh produce and agricultural products supplied by overseas regions and countries to Hong Kong in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (c) the total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products supplied to Hong Kong markets in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (d) the total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products exported to the Mainland in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (e) the total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products exported to overseas regions and countries in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16); and
- (f) given the initiative announced by the International Brand Management Centre of the China Association of International Trade last year that RMB¥20 billion worth of fresh produce from Hong Kong's food sources on the Mainland would be supplied to the Mainland markets this year, the Department's specific measures to ensure an adequate supply of food to Hong Kong at stable prices.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

According to the Census and Statistics Department and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The total value of fresh produce and agricultural products ^{Note 1} supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$8,470 million, \$9,034 million and \$9,336 million respectively ^{Note 2}.
- (b) The total value of fresh produce and agricultural products supplied by overseas regions and countries to Hong Kong in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$14,508 million, \$18,083 million and \$18,194 million respectively ^{Note 2}.
- (c) The total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products supplied to Hong Kong markets in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$914 million, \$974 million and \$1,073 million respectively ^{Note 3}.
- (d) There was no export of local fresh produce and agricultural products to the Mainland in the past three calendar years, i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 ^{Note 2}.
- (e) The total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products exported to overseas regions and countries in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$0.3 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.6 million respectively ^{Note 2}.
- (f) The Government is committed to ensuring adequate and stable food supply to Hong Kong. In this connection, the Government has been working closely with the Mainland and overseas authorities to maintain the stability, quality and safety of food products supplied to Hong Kong. We will continue with our efforts on this front.

Note 1: Fresh produce and agricultural products refer to live pig, live cattle, live goat, live poultry, live fish, vegetables and fruits.

Note 2: Based on statistics provided by the Census and Statistics Department.

Note 3: Based on statistics provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

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