

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)328****(Question Serial No. 4440)**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 provide information on the Government's expenditure on food safety testing in the past five years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2015-16):

Year	Total weight of samples taken for testing	Number of test cases	Manpower and expenditure involved	Total expenditure
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015				

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 115)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep record on the total weight of samples taken for testing. Other information sought is provided as follows –

Financial Year	Number of samples tested (on a calendar year basis)	Number of staff involved in Food Surveillance and Complaint Section (FSCS)	Total expenditure of FSCS (\$ million)	Number of staff involved in Food Import and Export Section (FIES)	Total expenditure of FIES (\$ million)
2011-12	64 638	110	49.7	215	106
2012-13	64 923	112	54.7	259	116.9
2013-14	64 387	115	57.3	268	138.4
2014-15	64 219	115	61.6	266	147

2015-16 (revised estimate)	64 432	115	65.3	266	152.6
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Apart from food surveillance, FSCS and FIES are involved in other duties, such as handling of food complaints and registration of food importers and distributors. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditures incurred by FSCS and FIES on food surveillance.

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