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Question:

Please provide information on the total weight of vegetables imported from other regions and countries, the total weight of samples taken for testing and the number of test cases, as well as the number of cases not meeting the food safety standards, in the past five years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2015-16).

Year	Total weight of imported vegetables	Total weight of vegetable samples taken for testing and number of test cases	Number of cases not meeting food safety standards
2011			
2012			
2013			
2014			
2015			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 117)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep record on the total weight of imported vegetable samples taken for testing. The information available is provided on a calendar year basis as follows –

Year	Total weight of imported vegetables* (tonnes)	Total number of vegetable samples taken for testing	Number of vegetable samples not meeting food safety or good agricultural practice standards#
2011	708 218	19 682	19
2012	836 811	19 668	17
2013	826 107	20 275	7
2014	819 198	20 064	40
2015	829 530	22 239	97

Remarks:

* Based on statistics provided by the Census and Statistics Department.

The Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation came into effect in August 2014. The caseload of 2015 hence reflects the full-year effect after the implementation of the Regulation.

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