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Question:

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

- 1) the number of registered vegetable farms supplying organic vegetables to Hong Kong in each province;
- 2) the number of inspections conducted; 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 2017-18, as well as the details of the post(s) to be created; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LO Wai-kwok (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

1) The number of registered vegetable farms in the Mainland which may supply vegetables to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province/city/autonomous region, in 2016 is tabulated as follows. We do not have information on how many of those farms supply organic vegetables to Hong Kong.

Province / City / Autonomous Region	No. of registered vegetable farms
Guangdong	113
Shenzhen	2
Zhuhai	1

Province / City / Autonomous Region	No. of registered vegetable farms
Anhui	2
Beijing	4
Chongqing	5
Fujian	4
Gansu	5
Guangxi	5
Guizhou	3
Hainan	11
Hebei	16
Henan	14
Hubei	13
Hunan	32
Jiangsu	12
Jiangxi	9
Liaoning	5
Ningxia	23
Shandong	84
Shanghai	13
Sichuan	3
Tianjin	1
Xiamen	5
Yunnan	41
Zhejiang	16
Total	442

- 2) The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department inspected 9 Mainland registered vegetable farms in 2016. It plans to inspect 20 vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong in 2017.
- 3) CFS does not plan to increase the manpower or expenditure on work in this area in 2017-18. It will handle the workload by means of its existing manpower.

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