

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)292****(Question Serial No. 5670)**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:

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

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 4055)Reply:

- 1) The number of registered vegetable farms in the Mainland which may supply vegetables to Hong Kong in 2016, with a breakdown by province/city/autonomous region, is tabulated as follows –

Province/ City / Autonomous Region	No. of Registered Vegetable Farms
Guangdong	113
Shenzhen	2
Zhuhai	1
Anhui	2
Beijing	4
Chongqing	5
Fujian	4

Province/ City / Autonomous Region	No. of Registered Vegetable Farms
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) inspected 9 Mainland registered vegetable farms in 2016. It plans to inspect up to 20 vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong in 2017.
- 3) CFS does not plan to increase the manpower establishment in 2017-18 for the purpose of inspecting registered vegetable farms in the Mainland. It will handle the workload by means of its existing manpower.

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