

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)313****(Question Serial No. 4257)**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 advise on the number of samples taken from various fresh food wholesale markets for testing in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by food type and market, as well as the number of samples with test results exceeding the safety levels and the testing items (e.g. heavy metals, pesticide residues) involving exceedances.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 30)Reply:

The number of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets from 2014 to 2016 with breakdown as requested is as follows:

Wholesale food market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2014	2015	2016
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	vegetable	2	2	1
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	753	820	883
	poultry egg	202	160	171
	aquatic product	10	15	53
Western Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	566	758	790
	fruit	955	1 055	1 050
	poultry egg	175	159	166
	aquatic product	8	11	17
Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organisation	vegetable	138	41	122
Total		2 809	3 021	3 253

In 2014 and 2015, a total of 6 and 4 samples of vegetables respectively taken from the Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organisation were found to have pesticide residues not meeting the relevant food safety standards. In 2016, a total of 4 samples of aquatic products taken from the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market were found to have veterinary drugs not meeting the relevant food safety standards.

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