

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

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Question:

The number of food complaints handled has increased for 2 consecutive years. In this connection, please advise whether sufficient resources, including manpower, have been earmarked to meet the demand in the current year; if yes, the details of the manpower and resources involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

Food complaints are handled by a dedicated team of staff in the Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The manpower establishment of the team was 21 in 2015-16 and is/will be 23 in both 2016-17 and 2017-18. The Department will ensure that there will continue to be sufficient manpower to handle food complaints.

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