

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)351****(Question Serial No. 5025)**

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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 5 years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2016-17).

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
2012			
2013			
2014			
2015			
2016			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 541)

Reply:

Information on the total weight of imported vegetables, the total number of samples taken for testing, and the total number of samples not meeting the food safety standards, by calendar year from 2012 to 2016, is set out in the following table.

Year	Total weight of imported vegetables* (tonnes)	Total number of vegetable samples taken for testing**	Number of vegetable samples** not meeting food safety standards (or good agricultural practice standards for samples taken prior to the implementation of the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation)
2012	836 811	19 668	17
2013	826 107	20 275	7
2014	819 198	20 064	40#
2015	829 530	22 239	97
2016	852 913	22 521	65

Remarks:

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

\*\* The records are kept in terms of the number of samples, rather than in terms of weight.

# The Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation came into effect in August 2014. The caseload of 2014 does not reflect the full-year effect of the implementation of the Regulation.

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