

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)146****(Question Serial No. 3522)**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. 65)Reply:

The number of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets from 2015 to 2017 with breakdown is tabulated as follows -

| Fresh Food Wholesale Market | Food category | Number of food samples taken | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products | vegetable | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market | vegetable | 820 | 883 | 845 |
| | poultry egg | 160 | 171 | 166 |
| | aquatic product | 15 | 53 | 39 |
| Western Wholesale Food Market | vegetable | 758 | 790 | 760 |
| | fruit | 1 055 | 1 050 | 1 066 |

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|---|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | poultry egg | 159 | 166 | 162 |
| | aquatic product | 11 | 17 | 23 |
| Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organization | vegetable | 41 | 122 | 115 |
| Total | | 3 021 | 3 253 | 3 180 |

In 2015, a total of 4 samples of vegetables taken from the Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organization 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 drug residues not meeting the relevant food safety standards. In 2017, no food sample from the fresh food wholesale markets was found not meeting food safety standards.

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