

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)135****(Question Serial No. 1143)**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 (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)Reply:

The numbers of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets for routine food surveillance from 2016 to 2018 with breakdown by food category are as follows –

Fresh food wholesale market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2016	2017	2018
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	Vegetable	883	845	1 004
	Poultry egg	171	166	194
	Aquatic product	53	39	45
Western Wholesale Food Market	Fruit	1 050	1 066	1 288
	Vegetable	790	760	840
	Poultry egg	166	162	225

Fresh food wholesale market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2016	2017	2018
	Aquatic product	17	23	25
Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organization	Vegetable	122	115	126
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	Vegetable	1	4	2
Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market	Aquatic product	0	0	2
	Total	3 253	3 180	3 751

Except for 4 samples of aquatic products taken in 2016 and 4 samples of vegetables taken in 2018 which were respectively detected to have veterinary drug residues and pesticide residues exceeding the relevant food safety standards, the testing results of all other samples were satisfactory.

- End -