

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue its efforts in promoting public health, environmental hygiene and food safety, with special emphasis on domestic hygiene, through seminars and activities, and in collaboration with District Health Centres (DHCs). In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- a) the activities organised in collaboration with DHCs in the past 3 years;
- b) the number of participants in the activities and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 75)

Reply:

- a) Since 2021, the then Food and Health Bureau and the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department have joined hands with District Health Centres (DHCs) to promote the message of reducing dietary intake of salt and sugar at schools and local communities through the local networks of DHCs. CFS is mainly responsible for providing and producing educational materials and other resources (including posters, publicity leaflets, etc.) on “less salt and sugar”.

DHCs have conducted the relevant educational and promotional activities at schools since September 2022. As at late December 2022, a total of 77 promotional activities were organised at schools. Separately, CFS kicked off a publicity programme themed on hand hygiene in June 2022. All DHCs across the territory have also helped disseminate the message to enhance public awareness of food safety and hand hygiene practice in handling food.

- b) As at late December 2022, the promotional activities organised by DHCs at schools attracted an attendance of over 3 000. In-house staff involved in the above educational and publicity work are also tasked with other duties. There is no separate breakdown of the manpower deployed or the expenditure involved.

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