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<a href="#">FHB(FE)201</a>	4200	Cyd HO Sau-lan	139	(1) Director of Bureau's Office (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety (3) Environmental Hygiene
<a href="#">FHB(FE)202</a>	4201	Cyd HO Sau-lan	139	(1) Director of Bureau's Office (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety (3) Environmental Hygiene
<a href="#">FHB(FE)203</a>	4141	Joseph LEE Kok-long	139	(2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety
<a href="#">FHB(FE)204</a>	4142	Joseph LEE Kok-long	139	(2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety
<a href="#">FHB(FE)205</a>	4143	Joseph LEE Kok-long	139	(2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety
<a href="#">FHB(FE)206</a>	4144	Joseph LEE Kok-long	139	(2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety
<a href="#">FHB(FE)207</a>	3894	Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok	139	(3) Environmental Hygiene
<a href="#">FHB(FE)208</a>	3900	Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok	139	(3) Environmental Hygiene
<a href="#">FHB(FE)209</a>	3913	Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok	139	(2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety
<a href="#">FHB(FE)210</a>	4793	Kenneth LEUNG	139	(2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety
<a href="#">FHB(FE)211</a>	4794	Kenneth LEUNG	139	(3) Environmental Hygiene
<a href="#">FHB(FE)212</a>	6328	KWOK Ka-ki	139	(1) Director of Bureau's Office
<a href="#">FHB(FE)213</a>	6329	KWOK Ka-ki	139	(2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)215</a>	6357	KWOK Ka-ki	139	(3) Environmental Hygiene
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)231</a>	6761	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	22	(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)239</a>	6320	KWOK Ka-ki	22	(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)253</a>	4443	LEUNG Kwok-hung	22	(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)255</a>	5684	LEUNG Kwok-hung	22	(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)256</a>	5720	LEUNG Kwok-hung	22	(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)257</a>	4036	LEUNG Yiu-chung	22	(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets
<a href="#">FHB(FE)258</a>	4037	LEUNG Yiu-chung	22	(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets
<a href="#">FHB(FE)259</a>	4066	WONG Kwok-hing	22	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)260</a>	4067	WONG Kwok-hing	22	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)261</a>	3435	WU Chi-wai	22	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)262</a>	4652	WU Chi-wai	22	(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)264</a>	4670	WU Chi-wai	22	(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets
<a href="#">FHB(FE)265</a>	4682	WU Chi-wai	22	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)266</a>	4424	Alan LEONG Kah-kit	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)270</a>	5482	CHAN Chi-chuen	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)271</a>	5516	CHAN Chi-chuen	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)272</a>	4256	CHAN Hak-kan	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)273</a>	3689	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)274</a>	3690	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)275</a>	3691	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)276</a>	3692	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)277</a>	3693	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)278</a>	3940	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)279</a>	6461	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)286</a>	6721	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)288</a>	6723	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)289</a>	6724	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)290</a>	6725	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)291</a>	6728	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)295</a>	7068	Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)309</a>	5871	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)310</a>	5873	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)311</a>	5874	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)312</a>	5876	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)313</a>	6339	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(1) Food Safety and Public Health
<a href="#">FHB(FE)314</a>	6340	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(1) Food Safety and Public Health
<a href="#">FHB(FE)315</a>	6353	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(1) Food Safety and Public Health
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)320</a>	6685	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(1) Food Safety and Public Health
<a href="#">FHB(FE)321</a>	6686	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)322</a>	6687	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)325</a>	6690	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)326</a>	6691	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)327</a>	6692	KWOK Ka-ki	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)328</a>	4440	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(1) Food Safety and Public Health
<a href="#">FHB(FE)329</a>	4442	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(1) Food Safety and Public Health
<a href="#">FHB(FE)330</a>	4469	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)331</a>	4470	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)332</a>	4471	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)333</a>	4472	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)334</a>	4473	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)335</a>	4474	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)336</a>	4475	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)337</a>	4476	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)338</a>	4481	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)339</a>	5674	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)340</a>	5675	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)341</a>	5676	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)342</a>	5678	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)343</a>	5679	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)344</a>	5680	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)345</a>	5681	LEUNG Kwok-hung	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
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<a href="#">FHB(FE)348</a>	4933	TANG Ka-piu	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)349</a>	4089	WONG Kwok-hing	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)350</a>	4090	WONG Kwok-hing	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)351</a>	4091	WONG Kwok-hing	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)352</a>	3449	WU Chi-wai	49	N/A
<a href="#">FHB(FE)353</a>	4672	WU Chi-wai	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)354</a>	4673	WU Chi-wai	49	(3) Market Management and Hawker Control
<a href="#">FHB(FE)355</a>	4711	WU Chi-wai	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)356</a>	4712	WU Chi-wai	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
<a href="#">FHB(FE)357</a>	4713	WU Chi-wai	49	(2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)001**

**(Question Serial No. 0141)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated under Programme (3) that the Government will continue to implement measures to increase the supply of public columbarium and crematorium facilities and to promote the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance in 2016-17. Will the Government provide information on the following:

The Government will provide about 450 000 new niches in 8 sites in various districts to secure the supply of public niches for the next 15 years. Based on the Government's population projections, are 450 000 niches adequate to meet the demand in the next 15 years? If no, will the Government increase the provision of niches to meet future demand? The Director of Audit's Report reveals the slow progress in implementing the columbarium development scheme in the districts, and 16 projects are still without a definite timetable. Will the Government expedite the building of columbarium? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

What were the respective numbers of the members of the public who scattered cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance in the past 3 years? What are the manpower and expenditure involved in promoting the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance in the current year? Will the budget for the promotion work be increased in the coming year? If yes, what are the details including the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

What are the details of the increase in the provision of niches and cremation service by the Government in the coming year? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? What was the average waiting time for public niches and cremation service in the past 3 years? Will the average waiting time be shortened with an increase in the supply of the above facilities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 11)



Reply:

The Government is committed to taking forward the construction of public columbaria at the 24 sites identified under the district-based columbarium development scheme. Whether the sites could eventually be used for developing columbarium facilities would depend on the results of the initial studies, including engineering feasibility studies, technical feasibility studies and traffic impact assessment (where applicable). Upon completion of the initial studies, we would consult the District Councils (DCs) concerned before developing the sites for columbarium use. The challenges that we have to cope with in the process include those relating to site topography, compatibility with adjacent land uses, adequacy of supporting infrastructure, traffic and environmental impacts, as well as the concerns of various stakeholders.

Moving beyond the stage of initial studies, we have been consulting the respective DCs on the development of the sites since the second quarter of 2012. Up to 2015, we have obtained support from seven DCs on eight projects in Cheung Chau, Diamond Hill, Wo Hop Shek, Tsang Tsui, Tsing Tsuen Road, Sandy Ridge, Cape Collinson Road and Wong Nai Chung Road. Together, the eight sites can provide a total of about 450 000 new niches, which account for over 50% of the total number of niches expected to be generated from all the 24 sites. Out of these eight projects, two projects (namely the Cheung Chau and Diamond Hill projects) have been completed. We have also obtained funding approval from the Legislative Council (LegCo) for the Tsang Tsui project which will provide 160 000 niches by early 2019. We will seek funding approval from LegCo for the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery Phase I project in the first half of 2016. We also plan to consult the relevant DCs on several projects within 2016. The Government will continue to consult the DCs on new projects to fortify the supply of public niches in the coming 15 years.

There has been a steady increase in the number of cases in which cremated ashes are scattered in the Gardens of Remembrance (GoR) managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) or at sea. The statistics for 2013 to 2015 are tabulated below –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Scattering of ashes</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>in GoR</b>	<b>at sea</b>	
2013		2 354	797	3 151
2014		2 697	856	3 553
2015		3 196	877	4 073

In 2015-16, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has stepped up its efforts in promoting green burial, including scattering of cremated ashes in GoR or at sea. As the manpower in charge of the work relating to green burial is also responsible for other duties, there is no separate breakdown of the manpower involved. The departmental expenses incurred in this respect are in the region of \$5 million. In 2016-17, the

Department will create an additional Health Inspector post to assist in the promotion of green burial. We plan to enhance publicity and public education on green burial through different channels, including broadcasting Announcement in the Public Interest on television and radio, collaboration with non-governmental organisations, etc.

For new niches in public columbaria, there is no waiting list for their allocation. New niches are allocated through computer balloting. Unsuccessful applications would be carried forward automatically to subsequent phases of allocation through computer balloting if the applicant has so requested in the application form. As regards the cremation service, it is the pledge of the Department that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. This performance pledge has been met over the past five years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)002****(Question Serial No. 2524)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

On formulating “improvement proposals for a number of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014”,

- What are the current number of markets in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung? What are the respective organisations or operators running these markets? Please list out the markets by district and by operator.
- The Administration has not built any new public markets since 2009. As a result, some new towns have no public markets and are monopolised by private ones. In this connection, will the Administration, apart from formulating improvement proposals for the existing public markets, consider resuming the construction of public markets? If yes, what are the details? What is the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

Information on the numbers of markets, supermarkets and fresh provision shops in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung as at end 2015 is set out as follows –

Area	Number of markets			Supermarkets	Fresh provision shops (Note)
	The Link	Housing Authority	Private Developers		
Tseung Kwan O	5	-	4	24	143
Ma On Shan	5	-	3	14	76

Tin Shui Wai	4	1	-	12	89
Tung Chung	2	-	-	5	29

*Note : A fresh provision shop is a licensed premise which sells fresh, chilled or frozen beef, mutton, pork, reptiles, fish or poultry.*

The prevailing Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines with respect of the planning of public markets stipulate the relevant factors to be taken into consideration, including the population of the area (including the demographic mix), community needs, the provision of public and private market facilities nearby, the number of fresh provision retail outlets in the vicinity and the public sentiment towards the preservation of hawker areas. This approach is based on a holistic consideration of all relevant factors in the planning of public markets. When preparing or reviewing town plans, the Planning Department will consult the relevant policy bureaux and departments, so as to ascertain whether there is a need to reserve land for public markets.

Our focus is on facilitating convenient access on the part of the public to retail outlets in their neighbourhood for meeting their daily needs on food and other necessities. Currently, there exists a variety of channels for the public to purchase fresh food. Apart from public markets, many members of the public when purchasing fresh food may choose to patronise markets, supermarkets and various types of retail outlets operated by other public and private entities. Customer preference for different shopping venues in purchasing fresh food may evolve in tandem with changes in socio-economic circumstances, lifestyles, purchasing power and various other factors.

Providing a new public market requires the use of Government land and entails public financial commitment. Therefore, in considering whether a public market should be built, we have to duly assess the need for the market and cost effectiveness in order to ensure that public resources are put to proper use. In fact, in the face of fierce competition and changing circumstances in individual communities, some public markets are facing relatively high vacancy rates and low customer flows. Also, the Audit Commission has in previous reports pointed out that, given the high cost of constructing a new public market, the relevant principles should be strictly adhered to.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)003**

**(Question Serial No. 2416)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Many of our citizens hope the Government would build more municipal public markets in new towns and other areas to counterbalance the Link's unreasonable outsourcing of the operations of their markets to contractors which has resulted in monopoly and higher rental problems. Would the Government consider putting in resources to study on such public demand? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)004**

**(Question Serial No. 2417)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the territory-wide Keep Clean Campaign held last year, what was the total amount of money used? Please explain in detail in what ways and under what categories was the money used, such as publicity, prosecution or the clearing up of refuse. Also, will additional resources be allocated in 2016-17 to continue with the Campaign? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The Food and Health Bureau (the Bureau) played a coordinating role for the “Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home” campaign (the Campaign) held in August and September 2015. The additional work arising from the coordination work was absorbed within the existing resources of the Bureau. During the Campaign, departments deployed existing resources to cope with the relevant cleansing and publicity work. There is no separate breakdown for the resources so deployed.

After the Campaign, departments will, as an integral part of their work, continue to sustain their cleansing efforts in areas under their purview. In 2016-17, additional resources will be allocated to the relevant departments as follows –

<b>Department</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)	Conversion of 35 existing non-civil service contract positions into permanent Health Inspector (HI) I/II posts	For handling water seepage complaints
FEHD	Creation of six HI I/II posts and 14 Senior Foreman posts	For coping with additional workload arising from enhanced cleansing efforts and for tackling the increasing number of cleansing-related complaints
FEHD	Provision of \$14.4 million of funding	For hiring extra street washing services in targeted districts
FEHD	Provision of \$2 million of funding	For enhancing publicity and promotion work on keeping Hong Kong clean
FEHD	Creation of two Pest Control Assistant II / Student Pest Control Assistant and one Laboratory Attendant posts	For strengthening disease vectors surveillance efforts in the community and port areas
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Provision of \$1.0 million of funding	For stepping up clean-up services for existing marine parks and marine reserve
Drainage Services Department	Provision of \$3.9 million of funding and creation of one Works Supervisor II post	For arranging outsourcing contracts for additional clearance of sewers/drains
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Provision of \$4.5 million of funding	For stepping up clean-up efforts and conducting special cleansing operations at identified leisure facilities on a regular basis
Marine Department	Provision of \$2.4 million of funding	For providing additional marine cleansing service at marine refuse blackspots

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)005****(Question Serial No. 1667)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated in programme (2) that the Administration will implement the new agriculture policy to proactively support the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture, including preparing for the establishment of the Agricultural Park and the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund. In this connection, please advise on the following:

1. What are the manpower and expenditures involved in the implementation of the above policy in this and the coming years respectively? Will the Government introduce more measures for the proper utilisation of the 3 794 hectares of fallow agricultural land, against the hoarding of agricultural land, and for increasing agricultural land for rehabilitation, and formulate a self-sufficiency rate for basic agricultural food in order to increase the yield of local crops? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. As a preliminary idea of the Government, AFCD would devise standard tenancy agreements for prospective tenants in the Agri-Park in 5-year terms with prospect of renewal. In fact, when relocating their farms, farmers need to re-invest, plan and re-invest, and most of the first five years of the tenure are spent on the building works. Should tenancy renewal be rejected by the Government, the farmers' investments will go down the drain. Will the Administration extend the tenancy period to allow farmers sufficient time for building their farms? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? Also, are there any criteria for tenancy renewal? What are the details? Will there be cases that their tenancies are not renewed after farmers invested on agricultural land?
3. The Administration has earmarked \$500 million for the establishment of the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund. What are the threshold and details of the application procedure for the fund? Will the application procedure be so complicated that small farmers will be driven away, benefiting only large agricultural enterprises? How long will the fund be expected to last?

Reply:

1. In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. Measures underpinning the NAP include establishing an Agricultural Park (Agri-Park) to help nurture agro-technology and agro-business management; commissioning a consultancy study to explore ways to incentivise the use of agricultural land that may otherwise lie fallow for long-term agricultural purposes; establishing a Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF) to provide financial support for the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture; as well as measures to facilitate development of hydroponics and agro-technology and leisure farming ancillary to agricultural production, and to enhance food safety and the marketing of local fresh produce. An overview of the NAP and the implementation plan is set out in a paper submitted to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (FSEH Panel) on 2 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)767/15-16(03)).

Policy matters relating to local agriculture are currently handled by a team in the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) comprising two officers at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and Senior Administrative Officer rank respectively. They are responsible for other work as well. In 2016-17, an additional provision of a time-limited Administrative Officer post and \$0.9 million will be provided to FHB to underpin the team on work relating to the NAP. Separately, apart from the existing resources in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million will be provided to AFCD in 2016-17 for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the NAP. Resources required for implementing individual measures under the NAP, such as the promulgation of the Agri-Park, will be sought in due course in accordance with established rules and procedures.

2. The proposed 5-year tenancy term with prospect of renewal is an initial plan which aims to ensure that the farmland within the proposed Agri-Park is put to productive use. The tenancy agreement would be renewed if the farmer puts the land to productive use and complies with the terms and conditions of the tenancy. Nonetheless, to enable the Agri-Park to achieve its policy objectives, the Agri-Park management might need to make use of the opportunity of contract offers, renewals and termination to replace the less productive and less innovative lessees. Before the Agri-Park is commissioned, we would devise a suitable governance structure for the allocation and management of leases, as well as the setting of rents.
3. Details of the SADF including its proposed scope, assessment criteria and monitoring mechanism are set out in the paper presented to the FSEH Panel on 8 March 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)997/15-16(03)). Members of the Panel were generally in support. The Government will proceed to seek funding approval of the Finance Committee in the second quarter of 2016 for setting up the SADF.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)006**

**(Question Serial No. 2411)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (3) Environmental Hygiene, the estimated financial provision will increase by 91.8% in 2016-17 as compared with 2015-16. Would the Administration please advise on the following:

- Whether the provision will be used for implementing the 5 proposals put forth by the Secretary for Food and Health to the Subcommittee on Hawker Policy under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of the Legislative Council in 2015? If yes, what are the details? What is the estimated expenditure involved? If no, what are reasons?
- The proposals include reviewing the case for issue of new fixed-pitch hawker licences, as well as establishing district-led open-air bazaars and night markets. How will the Administration implement these 2 proposals? What are the details? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- In putting forward these proposals, the Administration mentioned that it was necessary to adopt a bottom-up approach in coming up with proposals that were supported or approved by the District Councils. Does it mean that if the District Councils do not take the initiatives to make the proposals, the Administration will not implement the proposals?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

Hawker management and control is carried out by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) involving a revised estimate of expenditure of about \$1,006 million in 2015-16.

The LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Subcommittee on Hawker Policy (the Subcommittee) was briefed in March 2015 on the principles underpinning the Government's current policy on the management of hawkers.

In gist, the Government seeks to formulate a hawker policy which can strike an optimal balance between allowing licensed hawking business to thrive on the one hand, and meeting other legitimate concerns in addition to ensuring food safety, environmental hygiene, and public security on the other. More specifically, we have laid out before the Sub-Committee a number of proposals that the Government is prepared to look into (on top of measures that are being pursued), as follows:

- (a) Under the Hawker Assistance Scheme (HAS), all 496 hawker stalls which are located directly in front of staircase discharge points of adjacent buildings or obstructing the operation of fire engines or other emergency vehicular access have been duly relocated. The Department would continue to follow up and encourage more hawkers to reconstruct their stall structures to meet the specified fire safety requirements. In the course of administering the HAS (which will run up to mid-2018), we would endeavour to identify areas which could bring about enhancement to the hawking environment include rationalising the overall layout of hawker areas where circumstances permit, and enhancing electrical safety;
- (b) On the question of whether we should re-issue new hawker licences to fill vacant pitches in the relevant hawker areas, the Government would carefully consider the case at a suitable time, taking into account the circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Council (DC) and local residents;
- (c) For “Dai Pai Dong” licences, subject to the support of the relevant DCs, we are prepared to consider issuing new Dai Pai Tong licences on a pilot basis;
- (d) On the conversion of public markets with low occupancy rate into off-street cooked food centre, the Government keeps an open mind towards proposals on new modes of hawker operation. We may consider converting, on a pilot basis, an existing public market with a low occupancy rate into an off-street cooked food centre, which would provide operating space for individual cooked food vendors to provide traditional Dai Pai Tong type of cooked meals, traditional snacks or other forms of light refreshment; and
- (e) As regards open-air hawker bazaars, the Government keeps an open mind towards district-led proposals on local bazaars and their mode of operation, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene would not be compromised.

With the support of the relevant District Council, one organisation held a bazaar in Sham Shui Po District in the summer of 2015. In November 2015, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) received proposals to set up local bazaars in Yuen Long District, North District, Islands District and Sham Shui Po District. We have written to the Chairmen of the relevant District Councils and invited them to facilitate the discussion of these proposals at the District Councils as soon as practicable.



We are using existing resources to take on the above work. As and when appropriate, we would seek additional resources in accordance with established procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)007****(Question Serial No. 1958)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Currently, there are different ordinances regulating the cremation services of pets. What are the details of non-compliance cases (to be provided in the following table) in the past 5 years?

Date	District where Non-Compliant Crematorium is Found	Act of Non-Compliance	Ordinance Violated	Penalty	Follow-up Action (e.g. ban the crematorium, improve facilities)

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The relevant Government departments may, according to their respective mandate, conduct inspections of premises for the purpose of checking whether the premises are used in ways that comply with the relevant legislation and requirements, including provisions in the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311), the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95), the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295), the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) and the land lease, etc. Details of non-compliance found on premises that offer pet cremation service during such inspections are set out below –

	Date	District where Non-Compliant Crematorium is Found	Act of Non-Compliance	Ordinance Violated	Penalty	Follow-up Action
1	2 May 2012	Kwai Chung	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building.	Regulation 90 of the Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Irregularities have been rectified. No further action by the BD.
	1 June 2012		Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 24 September 2012.
	31 December 2012		Emitted excessive dark smoke	Air Pollution Control (Smoke) Regulations, Cap. 311C	Convicted and fined \$5000	Recent inspections by EPD did not reveal emission of dark smoke from the concerned chimney.
	10 January 2013		Emitted excessive dark smoke	Air Pollution Control (Smoke) Regulations, Cap. 311C	Convicted and fined \$5000	Recent inspections by EPD did not reveal emission of dark smoke from the concerned chimney.
	5 February 2013		The unit entrance door was replaced by glass door without fire resistance rating	Section 3 of the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation, Cap. 95F	Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was issued	The Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was found complied with.
2	29 February 2012	Kwai Chung	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 16 April 2012.
	12 September 2012		Installed furnace and chimney without prior approval from the Environmental	Air Pollution Control (Furnaces, Ovens and Chimneys) (Installation and Alteration)	Convicted and fined \$5000	The concerned pet cremator had been removed. The operator installed suitably designed furnace and chimney.

			Protection Department (EPD)	Regulations, Cap. 311A		
	15 February 2013		The unit entrance door was replaced by glass door without fire resistance rating	Section 3 of the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation, Cap. 95F	Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was issued	The Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was found complied with.
3	23 July 2012	Cheung Sha Wan	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 29 November 2012.
4	18 October 2012	Tai Kok Tsui	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	Follow-up inspection revealed that the premises were vacant. The Lands Department (Lands D) will keep in view the case.
5	27 November 2012 and 20 February 2014	Kowloon Bay	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 3 January 2013. Follow-up inspection revealed that the premises were vacant. Lands D will keep in view the case.
6	19 December 2012	Kwun Tong	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 22 March 2013.
7	30 January 2013	Tuen Mun	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building.	Regulation 90 of the Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Irregularities have been rectified. No further action by the BD.
	20 June		Breach of the user condition	Not applicable*	Warning letter	Follow-up inspection

	2014		of the lease		issued*	revealed that the breach had been rectified. Lands D will keep in view the case.
8	21 February 2013, 28 March 2013 and 20 February 2014	Kowloon Bay	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letters were registered in the Land Registry on 13 May 2013. Follow-up inspection revealed that the premises were vacant. Lands D will keep in view the case.
9	14 March 2013 and 13 March 2015	Yau Ma Tei	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building	Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Irregularities have been rectified. No further action by the BD.
10	14 June 2013	Mongkok	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building.	Regulation 90 of the Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Irregularities have been rectified. No further action by the BD.
11	30 September 2014	Tsing Yi	Installed furnace and chimney without prior approval from EPD	Air Pollution Control (Furnaces, Ovens and Chimneys) (Installation and Alternation) Regulations, Cap. 311A	Convicted and fined \$8000	Follow-up inspections by EPD revealed that the operator had ceased operation.
12	22 July 2015	Tai Kok Tsui	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 4 January 2016.

\* A land lease is a contract. A breach of lease conditions may result in lease enforcement action taken by the Lands Department in its capacity as the landlord. It does not involve prosecution.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)008**

**(Question Serial No. 2117)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

While considering to introduce Food Trucks, the Government cracked down street hawkers with local characteristics during Lunar New Year leading to large-scale clashes between the Police and members of the public. Are there contradictions in the Government's policies towards street hawkers? After the incident of clashes in Mong Kok occurred in the early hours of the second day of Lunar New Year, has the Government reviewed the relevant policies and what are the results? What is the estimated expenditure in taking enforcement actions to regulate street hawker activities in the coming year and what are the details of manpower arrangement?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)009****(Question Serial No. 2005)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  
Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the records management work of your bureau and the departments under its purview over the past year:

1. Please provide information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform such work. If there is no officer designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they have to undertake in addition to records management;

2. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not having been transferred

3. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents



4. Please list in the table below information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Category of records	Names of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

The details of records management work in the Food and Health Bureau and its departments under the Food portfolio, i.e. Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Government Laboratory in 2015 are provided at Annex 1, Annex 2, Annex 3 and Annex 4 respectively.

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Records management work  
in the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) in 2015

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in FHB is provided below -

2 Confidential Assistants, 2 Assistant Clerical Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant are designated to carry out records management duties on a full time basis in FHB, including both Food Branch (Head 139) and Health Branch (Head 140). The other clerical and secretarial staff in the Bureau also perform routine records management duties in addition to their own operational duties. At the management level, the Bureau has appointed officers at different levels to oversee records management policies and activities as part of their work, in addition to other administrative or operational duties. A directorate officer overseeing records management is underpinned by the Departmental Records Manager (at Senior Executive Officer level) and an Assistant Departmental Records Manager (at Executive Officer II level) to coordinate and perform records management work in the Bureau. 13 Records Managers at or above the rank of Executive Officer II or equivalent are also appointed to oversee records management matters in their respective units.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal is provided below-

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Programme records	1946 - 1989	42 records (1.68 lm)	25 years	8 records of which are confidential	Pending GRS's further instruction
Administrative records	1991 - 2004	47 records (1.88 lm)	3 - 7 years	No	Pending GRS's further instruction

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Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative records	1974 - 2014	54 records (2.16 lm)	2015	1 - 5 years	20 records of which are confidential

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative records	Records relating to administration; accommodation and facilities; procurement and supplies; finance and accounting; human resources; and management of information, information services and information technology	1972 - 2013	858 records (34.32 lm)	Not applicable	1 - 5 years	438 records of which are confidential

Records management work  
in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) in 2015

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in AFCD is provided below -

A total of 11 staff in the Department, including 2 Clerical Officers, 2 Assistant Clerical Officers, 5 Clerical Assistants and 2 Confidential Assistants, are deployed full time to carry out records management work. To ensure proper management of departmental records, the Department has assigned the Departmental Secretary (at the rank of Chief Executive Officer) as the Departmental Records Manager and 9 officers of various grades and ranks as Assistant Departmental Records Managers. They oversee the establishment, implementation and documentation of departmental records management practices and procedures according to the relevant guidelines and instructions of GRS and the departmental records management policy, in addition to performing other duties.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to GRS for appraisal is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Programme records	1965 - 2009	42 records (1.33 lm)	1 - 10 years	No	Pending GRS's further instruction
Administrative records	1999 - 2008	16 records (2.9 lm)	3 years	No	Pending GRS's further instruction

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	1955 - 2006	287 records (21.33 lm)	2015	2 - 15 years	84 records of which are confidential
Administrative records	1961 - 2003	25 records (0.93 lm)	2015	2 - 5 years	18 records of which are confidential

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	Records relating to agricultural, fisheries and conservation matters; management of country parks; departmental venues; international organisations; and prosecution cases	1955 - 2010	6,025 records (136.80 lm)	Not applicable	1 - 15 years	14 records of which are confidential
Administrative records	Records relating to administration; procurement and supplies; finance and accounting; and human resources	1937 - 2003	3,941 records (72.82 lm)	Not applicable	2 - 7 years	115 records of which are confidential

Records management work  
in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) in 2015

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in FEHD is provided below -

The day-to-day records management work is mainly undertaken by the registry staff (e.g. clerical grades staff) of the Department on a full-time or part-time basis. At the headquarters level, apart from staff who work on records management on a part-time basis, a total of 12 staff, including 1 Assistant Clerical Officer, 6 Clerical Assistants, 1 Senior Confidential Assistant, 4 Confidential Assistants, are deployed full time to carry out records management work. At the section/district level, such work is taken up by staff on a part-time basis. On the management side, the Department has appointed officers at different levels to oversee records management policies and activities as part of their work, in addition to other administrative or operational duties. A directorate officer overseeing records management is underpinned by the Departmental Records Manager and Branch Records Managers at Chief Executive Officer level to establish and implement comprehensive records management programmes at departmental and branch levels respectively. A total of 122 Records Managers at or above the rank of Executive Officer II or equivalent are also appointed to oversee records management matters in each section/district.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to GRS for appraisal is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Programme records	1970 - 2015	2 885 records (30.37 lm)	2 - 12 years	Yes	These files are still under their retention period
Administrative records	1998 - 2015	625 records (30.19 lm)	2 - 7 years	Yes	These files are still under their retention period

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	1973 - 2005	99 records (2.97 lm)	2015	7 years	No
Administrative records	1954 - 2010	66 records (2.39 lm)	2015	2 - 5 years	Yes

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	Records relating to food chemistry; food import and export; risk communication; cleansing; hawkers; hygiene; licensing; markets; pest control and prosecutions	1965 - 2011	124 930 records (215.14 lm)	Not applicable	1.5 - 7 years	No
Administrative records	Records relating to administration; accommodation and facilities; procurement and supplies; finance and accounting; human resources; and management of information, information services and information technology	1952 - 2011	2 311 records (76.60 lm)	Not applicable	1 - 7 years	Yes

Records management work  
in the Government Laboratory (GL) in 2015

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in GL is provided below -

In GL, 30 officers from various grades and ranks are involved in records management work, as part of their duties. On average, they spend about 10% of their working hours each day on such work. On top of records management, depending on the nature of their posts, they will be involved in other clerical, secretarial, personnel, financial, accounting, procurement and office management duties. To ensure proper management of departmental records, the Department has assigned the Departmental Secretary (at the rank of Senior Executive Officer) as the Departmental Records Manager and 2 officers at the rank of Executive Officer I as Assistant Departmental Records Managers. They oversee the establishment, implementation and documentation of departmental records management practices and procedures according to the relevant guidelines and instructions of the Government Records Service and the departmental records management policy, in addition to performing other duties.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to GRS for appraisal is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Nil	-	-	-	-	-

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Nil	-	-	-	-	-



4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	Case files of analytical tests	2002 - 2011	19 799 records (905.1 lm)	Not applicable	1 - 2 years	No

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)010**

**(Question Serial No. 2675)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Regarding the increase of \$66.07 million in operational expenses, “research support for food safety” is mentioned. What are the details? What are the staffing and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The increase of \$66.07 million over the revised estimate for 2015-16 is attributable to the increased provision for personal emoluments and operating expenses mainly for work relating to public columbarium development, research support for food safety, supporting the work of the Fishermen Claim Appeal Board and dealing with contingency measures arising from avian influenza incidents.

Around \$15 million has been earmarked for conducting food safety related surveys and studies. These include the ongoing surveys relating to the supply of powdered formulae, development of guidelines for good practice in using “re-used oils” for reference by the catering industry, as well as other studies relating to regulatory proposals on food safety as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)011**

**(Question Serial No. 2688)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 148 of his 2015-16 Budget Speech that "I asked all policy bureaux .... to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritising. I have also launched the "0-1-1" envelope savings programme to reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the next three financial years. Resources saved will be re-allocated for new services." He has, once again, offered in this year's Budget to contain expenditure by requiring policy bureaux to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering, phasing out dated procedures and re-prioritising. In this regard, please inform this Council of the procedures re-engineered and phased out to contain expenditure in 2015-16, and what will be done in 2016-17 and 2017-18 to implement the "0-1-1" envelope savings programme, the services affected and details of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

"0-1-1" envelope savings programme is a fiscal planning tool aimed at achieving more efficient use of public resources through greater efforts in re-engineering and re-prioritization (R&R) such that the savings can be re-deployed to the implementation of new or enhanced services.

The programme involves reduction of 1% from the respective operating expenditure envelopes of policy bureaux for 2016-17 and 2017-18 through implementing R&R measures. We have urged departments under the Food Branch to implement all

possible R&R measures so as to improve the cost-effectiveness of the provisions allocated to them.

Separately, the Food Branch will devote additional resources to strengthen the work relating to public columbarium development, research support for food safety, supporting the work of the Fishermen Claim Appeal Board and dealing with contingency measures arising from avian influenza incidents. To this end, provision for 2016-17 is \$66.1 million (80.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)012**

**(Question Serial No. 2928)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  
Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What is the respective estimated salary expenditure for the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in 2016-17?

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

For budgetary purposes, the provisions reserved in 2016-17 for salaries for the Secretary for Food and Health, the Under Secretary for Food and Health and the Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)013**

**(Question Serial No. 2929)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  
Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

On encouraging people's reduced intake of salt and sugars in food, what are the details of the strategic plan concerned? What are the manpower and amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

It has always been the Government's policy to encourage and promote healthy eating. An integral part of the policy in promoting healthy diet is to encourage and facilitate the public to reduce the intake of salt and sugar in food on an ongoing basis. The Government's target is to gradually reduce the intake of salt and sugar by Hong Kong citizens to the levels recommended by the World Health Organization.

2. To this end, the Government set up in March 2015 the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (CRSS), and re-appointed five public health experts from the Mainland and overseas as members of the International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (IAP) in order to advise the Government on salt and sugar reduction measures from local and overseas perspectives respectively. So far, the two bodies have held a series of meetings for gauging the views of relevant stakeholders, including food manufacturers and the catering industry, conducting focused discussions and proposing measures for salt and sugar reduction suitable for Hong Kong respectively in three aspects, namely lowering the content of salt and sugar in food, reducing the dietary intakes of salt and sugar, as well as publicity and education. Three working groups have been set up under the CRSS to take charge of these three aspects of priority action in 2016-17.

3. In 2016-17, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department plans to create five additional civil service posts, involving an estimated annual expenditure of \$3.764

million, to strengthen the executive and technical support for work relating to reduction of salt and sugar. Other manpower and expenditure required are absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)014**

**(Question Serial No. 0589)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the devising and implementation of a strategic plan for encouraging reduced intake of salt and sugars in food to promote a healthy diet, what is the work progress of the plan in 2015-16? What are the concrete plan and timetable for such work in 2016-17? What are the estimated manpower and resources required?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 43 )

Reply:

It has always been the Government's policy to encourage and promote healthy eating. An integral part of the policy in promoting healthy diet is to encourage and facilitate the public to reduce the intake of salt and sugar in food on an ongoing basis. The Government's target is to gradually reduce the intake of salt and sugar by Hong Kong citizens to the levels recommended by the World Health Organization.

2. To this end, the Government set up in March 2015 the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (CRSS), and re-appointed five public health experts from the Mainland and overseas as members of the International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (IAP) in order to advise the Government on salt and sugar reduction measures from local and overseas perspectives respectively. So far, the two bodies have held a series of meetings for gauging the views of relevant stakeholders, including food manufacturers and the catering industry, conducting focused discussions and devising possible measures for salt and sugar reduction appropriate to Hong Kong's context. The CRSS' current preference is a non-legislative approach and in this connection, has been considering possible voluntary and educational measures in consultation with the trade and other sectors. We expect to be able to roll out the measures progressively with effect from Q2 of 2016.



3. In 2016-17, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department plans to create five additional civil service posts, involving an estimated annual expenditure of \$3.764 million, to strengthen the executive and technical support for work relating to reduction of salt and sugar. Other manpower and expenditure required are absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)015**

**(Question Serial No. 0120)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Administration proposed to identify 24 potential sites in 18 districts in Hong Kong for public columbarium development. Regarding the present situation of these potential sites, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The latest progress of work in each potential site. Please provide information by individual site;
- (b) The follow-up plan for each potential site in 2016-17; and
- (c) Apart from these 24 potential sites, whether the Administration will consider finding other sites for public columbarium development in 2016-17? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

- (a) The Government is committed to taking forward the construction of public columbaria at the 24 sites identified under the district-based columbarium development scheme. Whether the sites could eventually be used for developing columbarium facilities would depend on the results of the initial studies, including engineering feasibility studies, technical feasibility studies and traffic impact assessment (where applicable). Upon completion of the initial studies, we would consult the District Councils (DCs) concerned before developing the sites for columbarium use. The challenges that we have to cope with in the process include those relating to site topography, compatibility with adjacent land uses, adequacy of supporting infrastructure, traffic and environmental impacts, as well as the concerns of various stakeholders.

Moving beyond the stage of initial studies, we have been consulting the respective DCs on the development of the sites since the second quarter of 2012. Up to 2015, we have obtained support from seven DCs on eight projects in Cheung Chau, Diamond Hill, Wo Hop Shek, Tsang Tsui, Tsing Tsuen Road, Sandy Ridge, Cape Collinson Road and Wong Nai Chung Road. Together, the eight sites can provide a total of about 450 000 new niches, which account for over 50% of the total number of niches expected to be generated from all the 24 sites. Out of these eight projects, two projects (namely the Cheung Chau and Diamond Hill projects) have been completed. We have also obtained funding approval from the Legislative Council (LegCo) for the Tsang Tsui project which will provide 160 000 niches by early 2019. The Government will continue to consult the DCs on new projects to fortify the supply of public niches in the coming 15 years.

- (b) We will seek funding approval from LegCo for the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery Phase I project in the first half of 2016. We also plan to consult the relevant DCs on several projects within 2016.
- (c) Due to the scarcity of land resources in Hong Kong and difficulties in gaining local acceptance, it is increasingly difficult to identify potential sites in areas where there are well developed infrastructural facilities suitable for columbarium development. That said, we will continue to search for suitable sites having regard to the unit costs, technical feasibility and public acceptability for constructing public columbaria.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)016****(Question Serial No. 2720)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Regarding the overseas duty visits made by officials of the Food and Health Bureau and staff of departments under its purview over the past 5 years, please list each of them by year in the table below, providing details of the place of visit, purpose of visit, number of participating officials and expenditure involved:

Year	Work item and place of visit	Purpose of visit	Number of participating officials	Expenditure involved

2. For each of these overseas duty visits, please list by year the data of total carbon footprints (including those made by flight to and from the place of visit as well as on-site transportation) in the table below, providing the method of estimation:

Year	Work item of visit	Total carbon footprints	Carbon footprints made by flights	Carbon footprints made by on-site transportation

3. Has carbon offsetting for the above overseas duty visits been met by public funds or private money of the Secretary or officials? If yes, please list by year the data for the past 5 years in the table below:

Year	Work item of visit	Carbon dioxide emission offset	Method of carbon offsetting	Expenditure involved

Asked by: Hon Kenneth LEUNG (Member Question No. 3.20)

Reply:

1. Details of overseas duty visits made by officials of the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and departments under the Food portfolio in the past five years are provided at Annex.
2. We have not maintained records on carbon footprints for overseas duty visits.
3. There is currently no stipulated requirement for public officers to offset carbon footprints for overseas duty visits.

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## (a) Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Year	Place of visits	Purpose of visits	Number of visits	Number of participating officials	Expenditure involved <sup>1</sup> (\$'000)
2011-12	The Mainland, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Canada, the United States of America, Brazil, Chile and Puerto Rico.	To attend meetings and conferences, for the purpose of promoting cooperation, and keeping abreast of the latest developments including the exchange of views with Mainland and overseas counterparts on subjects under the purview of the Food and Health Bureau.	24	63	2,210
2012-13			27	58	1,290
2013-14			34	79	720
2014-15			32	60	749
2015-16 <sup>2</sup>			32	76	779

## (b) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Year	Place of visits	Purpose of visits	Number of visits	Number of participating officials	Expenditure involved <sup>1</sup> (\$'000)
2011-12	The Mainland, Macau, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Australia, Argentina and Uruguay.	To attend meetings and conferences, for the purpose of promoting cooperation, and keeping abreast of the latest developments including the exchange of views with Mainland and overseas counterparts on agriculture, fisheries and nature conservation issues, as well as on animal, plant and fisheries regulations.	123	262	2,959
2012-13			126	290	3,104
2013-14			109	230	2,611
2014-15			94	216	2,381
2015-16 <sup>2</sup>			94	175	1,538

(c) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Year	Place of visits	Purpose of visits	Number of visits	Number of participating officials	Expenditure involved <sup>1</sup> (\$'000)
2011-12	The Mainland, Macau, Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, India, Namibia, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Canada, the United States of America, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Mexico, Panama and Puerto Rico.	To attend meetings and conferences for the purpose of promoting cooperation, and keeping abreast of latest developments including the exchange of views with Mainland and overseas counterparts on subjects covering food safety, public health and environmental hygiene, as well as to conduct farm and food factory inspections.	65	220	2,008
2012-13			76	261	2,316
2013-14			98	294	4,646
2014-15			81	221	2,172
2015-16 <sup>2</sup>			75	168	2,088

(d) Government Laboratory

Year	Place of visits	Purpose of visits	Number of visits	Number of participating officials	Expenditure involved <sup>1</sup> (\$'000)
2011-12	The Mainland, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Turkey, United Kingdom, the United States of America and South Africa.	To attend meetings, conferences, forums, and conduct laboratory visits for technical exchange.	26	34	371
2012-13			23	38	349
2013-14			18	28	363
2014-15			13	18	230
2015-16 <sup>2</sup>			16	17	272

- <sup>1</sup> Including expenditures on air passage, hotel accommodation and transportation, subsistence allowance and other related expenses.
- <sup>2</sup> Based on information as at 29 February 2016.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)017**

**(Question Serial No. 2045)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2015-16, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 570)

Reply:

The expenditure on salaries for the Secretary for Food and Health in 2015-16 is \$3.58 million and the same provision has been reserved in 2016-17. We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above official in 2015-16 and no provisions for such have been reserved in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)018**

**(Question Serial No. 2049)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2015-16, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 575)

Reply:

The expenditure on salaries for the Under Secretary for Food and Health in 2015-16 is \$2.33 million and the same provision has been reserved in 2016-17. We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above official in 2015-16 and no provisions for such have been reserved in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)019**

**(Question Serial No. 2050)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2015-16, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 576)

Reply:

The expenditure on salaries for the Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health in 2015-16 is \$1.25 million and the same provision has been reserved in 2016-17. We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above official in 2015-16 and no provisions for such have been reserved in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)020**

**(Question Serial No. 3136)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated in Programme (2) that the Government will redevelop the Food Safety Laboratory of the Government Laboratory in the coming year to increase its testing capacity in preparation for the implementation of new legislation on food safety as well as enhancing its operational efficiency. In this connection, please advise on the following:

What are the details of the redevelopment project of the Food Safety Laboratory? What is the estimated time required to redevelop the Food Safety Laboratory? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in the redevelopment project? How will the redeveloped Food Safety Laboratory strengthen its provision of analytical and advisory services relating to food testing to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department? How will it increase its testing capacity and enhance its operational efficiency?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The Government Laboratory (GL) is currently in shortage of laboratory area. We need to review the overall food safety testing facilities of GL to strengthen its testing capacity, enhance its preparedness for implementing new food safety legislation as well as improving its operation efficiency. We are studying the planning parameters and technical feasibility of increasing the laboratory area of the GL including conducting related transport and environmental impact assessments. We shall work out further details, such as implementation timelines and budget estimates, upon completion of these technical assessments. The manpower and expenditure required by the Food and Health Bureau and GL for pursuing this exercise are absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)021**

**(Question Serial No. 1358)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Food and Health Bureau is responsible for the formulation and co-ordination of policies and programmes relating to the management of public markets, and indicates that it will formulate improvement proposals for a number of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014. The study report “positions public markets as one of the major sources of fresh food provisions for the general public”, and indicates that as public markets serve the general public, “these markets should not be aimed to make unduly upmarket”. And regarding the establishment of new markets, the authority has all along stressed that apart from the public markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Link Asset Management Limited (the Link) is also a main operator of markets. However, in the past year, markets were moved upmarket and supermarkets were made the major source of fresh food provisions for the general public gradually by the Link. In this connection, will the Government advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) Under the contrary directions on market operation of the Link and the Government, what are the differences with the past when the Bureau formulates and co-ordinates policies and programmes relating to the management of public markets?
- (2) Will the Government consider changing the standards of establishing public markets or conducting studies on the change of standards of establishing public markets?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- (1) The Government agrees with the consultant's views on the positioning of public markets namely that they are expected to continue to be one of the major sources of fresh food provisions for the general public. More specifically, public markets

should be kept clean and hygienic to provide a decent and comfortable shopping environment accessible to patrons. It may not be necessary for public markets to be upgraded to unduly upmarket shopping venues.

The Government will be guided by the policy described above when formulating management and improvement measures for public markets.

- (2) The prevailing Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines with respect to the planning of public markets stipulate the relevant factors to be taken into consideration, including the population of the area (including the demographic mix), community needs, the pressure of public and private market facilities nearby, the number of fresh provision retail outlets available in the vicinity and the public sentiment towards the preservation of hawker areas. When preparing or reviewing town plans, the Planning Department will consult the relevant policy bureaux and departments, so as to ascertain whether there is a need to reserve land for public markets. The Government will, in the light of social developments and the actual situation on the ground, assess the need to review the planning guidelines for public markets as and when appropriate.

Our policy stance is to facilitate the community's convenient access to retail outlets in their neighbourhood for meeting their daily needs on food and other necessities. These outlets may range from public markets, supermarkets and other types of retail outlets operated by other public and private entities. Customer preference on retail outlets for fresh food and other daily supplies may be affected by many factors such as changes in lifestyles, packaging, variety in choices, purchasing power, etc.

In considering whether a public market should be built, we are obliged to ensure that public resources are put to proper use. This involves assessing the need for the market and the cost effectiveness, taking into account the factors outlined in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. This approach is consistent with the recommendations of the Audit Commission. In fact, in the face of fierce competition from other market facilities and changing circumstances including demographics in individual communities, some public markets are facing problems of relatively high vacancy rates and low customer flows.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)022**

**(Question Serial No. 3026)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please list out the current number of stalls, occupancy rate, average stall rental per square metre each month, whether air-conditioning facilities are provided, and the number of cleansing and management staff of respective public markets in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annexes I and II.

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District	Market	Management staff						Cleansing staff
		Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / toilet attendant
Eastern	Chai Wan Market	1	1	1		2	2	20
	Yue Wan Market					2	2	15
	Kut Shing Cooked Food Market					2	2	2
	Shau Kei Wan Market			1		2	2	8
	Aldrich Bay Market					2	2	8
	Sai Wan Ho Market		1	1		3	2	16
	Quarry Bay Market					3	2	13
	Electric Road Market					3	2	12
	North Point Market			1		2	2	8
	Causeway Bay Market					2	2	8
	Java Road Market					3	2	20
Central & Western	Sheung Wan Market	1	1	1	3		2	18
	Queen Street Cooked Food Market						2	7
	Sai Ying Pun Market						2	11
	Centre Street Market						2	8
	Shek Tong Tsui Market						2	14
	Smithfield Market						3	14
Southern	Aberdeen Market	1	1	1	3		3	13
	Apleichau Market						3	9
	Tin Wan Market						2	8
	Yue Kwong Road						2	9
	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market						2	2
	Stanley Waterfront Mart						2	2
Islands	Cheung Chau Market	1	1	1	4		4	15
	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market							
	Peng Chau Market						2	5
	Mui Wo Market						2	9
	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market							
	Tai O Market							1
Wan Chai	Lockhart Road Market	1	1	1	3		3	13
	Bowrington Road Market						4	16
	Wan Chai Market						2	10
	Wong Nai Chung Market						2	7
	Tang Lung Chau Market						2	4



		Management staff						Cleansing staff
District	Market	Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / toilet attendant
Kowloon City	Kowloon City Market	1	2	1	3		3	16
	To Kwa Wan Market						3	12
	Hung Hom Market						3	15
	On Ching Road Flower Market							
Yau Tsim	Kwun Chung Market	1	1	1	1		3	15
	Yau Ma Tei Market				1		2	9
	Haiphong Road Temporary Market				1		2	6
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	1	1	1		4	2	23
	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market			1		3	2	6
	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market						2	4
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market		1	1		2	2	2
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market						2	2
	Lei Yue Mun Market						2	5
	Shui Wo Street Market		1	1	5	2	22	
	Yee On Street Market				1	2	13	
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	1	2	1	3		3	21
	Pei Ho Street Market						2	15
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market						2	7
	Lai Wan Market						2	7
	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market							2
Wong Tai Sin	Tai Shing Street Market	1	1	1	1		3	32
	Choi Hung Road Market		1			2	13	
	Ngau Chi Wan Market		1			2	25	
	Sheung Fung Street Market		1			2	11	
Mong Kok	Fa Yuen Street Market	1	1	1	1		3	10
	Tai Kok Tsui Market				1		2	11
	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market				1		2	6
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung Market	1	1	1		3	1	18
	Wing Fong Street Market					3	1	10

District	Market	Management staff						Cleansing staff
		Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / toilet attendant
Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi Market					3	1	10
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market					2	1	2
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market							1
	Tai Yuen Cooked Food Market							1
	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market					2		1
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market							1
Tsuen Wan	Yeung UK Road Market	1	1	4	0	3	2	40
	Tsuen King Circuit Market				0	3	2	8
	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market				0	2	0	2
	Heung Che Street Market	1	1		0	3	2	12
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market				0	2	0	2
	Tsuen Wan Market				0	3	2	25
Tuen Mun	San Hui Market	1	1	1	4		4	11
	Lam Tei Market							8
	Yan Oi Market						3	1
	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market							1
	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market							1
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market							1
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	1	1	1	3		3	27
	Plover Cove Road Market						2	9
North	Shek Wu Hui Market	1	1	1	3		5	21
	Luen Wo Hui Market						4	21
	Sha Tau Kok Market						2	2
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre						2	3
Sai Kong	Sai Kung Market	1	1	1	0	4	3	16
	Tui Min Hoi Market							4
Yuen Long	Tai Kiu Market	1	1	1	1		2	14
	Tung Yick Market						2	18
	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market				1		2	3
	Kam Tin Market						2	3

		Management staff						Cleansing staff
District	Market	Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / toilet attendant
Yuen Long	Lau Fau Shan Market		1		1			1
	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market							4
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market				1			8
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market							4
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	1	1	1	0	7	2	16
	Tai Wai Market						2	14
	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market						1	8
	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market							3
	Total	19	26	27	43	81	180	990

Serial No.	Name of Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls	Occupancy rate as at 31 December 2015	Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)
1	Aldrich Bay Market	yes	71	85%	751
2	Apleichau Market	yes	63	98%	233
3	Centre Street Market	yes	46	85%	425
4	Chai Wan Market	yes	173	95%	485
5	Lei Yue Mun Market	yes	20	90%	268
6	Luen Wo Hui Market	yes	338	99%	410
7	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	yes	14	100%	988
8	Peng Chau Market	yes	18	94%	93
9	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	yes	11	100%	1,305
10	Sai Ying Pun Market	yes	102	89%	280
11	San Hui Market	yes	324	100%	567
12	Sha Tin Market	yes	172	100%	1,006
13	Shek Wu Hui Market	yes	392	100%	376
14	Tai Kiu Market	yes	379	98%	587
15	Tai Kok Tsui Market	yes	135	100%	429
16	Tai Po Hui Market	yes	313	99%	610
17	Tsing Yi Market	yes	76	91%	976
18	Wanchai Market	yes	50	100%	992
19	Yan Oi Market	yes	108	98%	410
20	Yee On Street Market	yes	65	95%	232
21	Yue Wan Market	yes	374	97%	478
22	Bowrington Road Market	only in CFC	296	99%	459
23	Hung Hom Market	only in CFC	224	100%	206
24	Java Road Market	only in CFC	194	96%	388
25	Lockhart Road Market	only in CFC	166	83%	297
26	Pei Ho Street Market	only in CFC	227	100%	255

Serial No.	Name of Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls	Occupancy rate as at 31 December 2015	Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)
27	Sai Wan Ho Market	only in CFC	274	99%	331
28	Sheung Wan Market	only in CFC	222	99%	191
29	Smithfield Market	only in CFC	216	100%	210
30	Tai Shing Street Market	only in CFC	446	95%	333
31	Tokwawan Market	only in CFC	267	99%	354
32	Wong Nai Chung Market	only in CFC	69	97%	252
33	Aberdeen Market	no	335	99%	631
34	Causeway Bay Market	no	51	98%	157
35	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	no	32	94%	195
36	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	no	17	100%	173
37	Cheung Chau Market	no	237	100%	184
38	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	no	28	43%	168
39	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	no	12	100%	169
40	Choi Hung Road Market	no	116	74%	144
41	Electric Road Market	no	99	95%	191
42	Fa Yuen Street Market	no	180	100%	540
43	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	no	24	100%	309
44	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	no	15	100%	222
45	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	no	88	66%	319
46	Heung Che Street Market	no	223	96%	279
47	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	no	11	100%	343
48	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	no	215	37%	234
49	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	no	16	69%	397

Serial No.	Name of Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls	Occupancy rate as at 31 December 2015	Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)
50	Kam Tin Market	no	41	100%	83
51	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	no	14	93%	413
52	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	no	17	100%	320
53	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	no	14	100%	135
54	Kowloon City Market	no	581	98%	283
55	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	no	11	100%	162
56	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	no	12	92%	158
57	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	no	98	100%	54
58	Kwun Chung Market	no	218	99%	202
59	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	no	29	100%	99
60	Lai Wan Market	no	42	98%	670
61	Lam Tei Market	no	7	100%	66
62	Lau Fau Shan Market	no	25	88%	32
63	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	no	20	100%	148
64	Mui Wo Market	no	35	97%	183
65	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	no	28	89%	467
66	Ngau Chi Wan Market	no	402	93%	380
67	Ngau Tau Kok Market	no	466	86%	477
68	North Kwai Chung Market	no	222	98%	281
69	North Point Market	no	42	98%	175

Serial No.	Name of Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls	Occupancy rate as at 31 December 2015	Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)
70	On Ching Road Flower Market	no	13	100%	167
71	Plover Cove Road Market	no	244	97%	232
72	Po On Road Market	no	449	96%	415
73	Quarry Bay Market	no	113	92%	232
74	Sai Kung Market	no	209	99%	228
75	Sha Tau Kok Market	no	66	100%	23
76	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	no	29	100%	110
77	Shaukeiwan Market	no	82	56%	130
78	Shek Tong Tsui Market	no	151	94%	229
79	Sheung Fung Street Market	no	71	99%	241
80	Shui Wo Street Market	no	302	99%	639
81	Stanley Waterfront Mart	no	20	90%	1,489
82	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	no	17	88%	460
83	Tai O Market	no	26	88%	56
84	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	no	18	100%	237
85	Tai Wai Market	no	195	89%	521
86	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	no	20	80%	40
87	Tang Lung Chau Market	no	34	97%	349
88	Tin Wan Market	no	180	100%	179
89	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	no	18	100%	178
90	Tsuen King Circuit Market	no	241	21%	81

Serial No.	Name of Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls	Occupancy rate as at 31 December 2015	Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)
91	Tsuen Wan Market	no	381	93%	387
92	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	no	56	100%	114
93	Tui Min Hoi Market	no	34	100%	45
94	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	no	359	50%	192
95	Tung Yick Market	no	446	42%	216
96	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	no	8	100%	271
97	Wing Fong Street Market	no	112	93%	317
98	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	no	18	94%	188
99	Yau Ma Tei Market	no	144	99%	265
100	Yeung Uk Road Market	no	318	98%	304
101	Yue Kwong Road Market	no	197	100%	334

Remark:

CFC – Cooked Food Centre in public market

Occupancy rate is defined as let-out rate though some tenants use their stalls for storage purpose.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)023**

**(Question Serial No. 3292)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out the following information in table form:

- (1) The expenditure incurred by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) on publicity on the Internet/social media in 2015-16, the manpower involved and the percentage this item accounts for in the total expenditure. Please provide a breakdown by publicity channel.
- (2) The means to be adopted by the Branch to assess the effectiveness and value for money of the above initiatives.
- (3) The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the Branch on the above initiatives in 2016-17 and the manpower to be involved.

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) has not incurred expenditure on publicity on the Internet/social media in 2015-16 and no provision has been reserved in 2016-17 for the purpose.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)024****(Question Serial No. 1079)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Financial Secretary announced that \$500 million would be allocated to further the development of the fashion industry. However, he made no mention of preserving “Pang-tsai” in Sham Shui Po, which is considered as the paradise for purchasing inexpensive fabrics of good quality by many fashion designers and fashion design students.

“Pang-tsai” contributed to the development of the fashion industry in Hong Kong. There are many cloth hawkers running small business in the market for a long time. The demolition of “Pang-tsai” will have far-reaching impact on the industry.

Given the historic value of “Pang-tsai”, would the Financial Secretary consider providing additional funding for in-situ redevelopment or preservation so as to preserve this market to maintain the supply of inexpensive fabrics of good quality for local fashion industry? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

Commissioned in 1978, the Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar (cloth bazaar) has 192 hawker stalls selling mainly fabrics. The Government has since 1981 earmarked the site occupied by the cloth bazaar for long-term residential development. In 2005, the question of changing the land use of the cloth bazaar site was discussed at the Sham Shui Po District Council. Subsequently, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) engaged the cloth hawkers to follow up their relocation arrangement. In June 2013, the Planning Department briefed the SSPDC on the proposed housing development strategy in the district, which included the proposed use of the site at 373 Lai Chi Kok Road (i.e. the site

currently occupied by the cloth bazaar) for building Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats.

The Department has put forward a proposal to relocate the cloth bazaar to the Tung Chau Street Temporary Market (TCSTM). We consider the relocation of the cloth bazaar to the TCSTM a practical, feasible and win-win option that is of benefit to all parties concerned. It allows the licensed or eligible unlicensed cloth hawkers to continue their business operations collectively in Sham Shui Po, which helps preserving the economic characteristics of the district. Upon relocation, the facilities of the cloth market will be enhanced with additional space for further development. Besides, the existing cloth bazaar site could be released for Home Ownership Scheme development, thus benefiting members of the public with housing needs.

The specific recommendations made by the Expert Group on Fashion Industry under the Working Group on Manufacturing Industries, Innovative Technology, and Cultural and Creative Industries of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) on support measures required for promoting the sustainable development of the fashion industry have been endorsed by the EDC. In the 2015-16 Budget, the Government indicated agreement with the EDC's recommendations and that it would launch a series of measures on a pilot basis to implement the recommendations concerned over a three-year period starting from this year (i.e. 2016-17 to 2018-19).

The Financial Secretary mentioned in the 2016-17 Budget that the Government would implement the proposals made by the Advisory Group on Implementation of Fashion Initiatives (AGF), namely strengthening the promotion of local fashion designers and emerging fashion brands in Hong Kong and overseas; setting up a resource centre to provide technical training and support for young designers; and establishing the Fashion Incubation Programme. The AGF was established in July 2015 to advise on, guide and coordinate the implementation of those pilot measures in relation to the development of the fashion industry. The AGF is discussing the implementation details of the specific measures. Upon completion of the discussions, the relevant trade bodies will be responsible for implementing the various programmes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)025**

**(Question Serial No. 0268)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the appeals against the ex-gratia allowance for the trawl ban, please advise on the following:

- (a) What are the respective expenditure and manpower involved in handling the appeals against the trawl ban in the past 3 years (from 2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (b) What are the respective numbers of hearings handled by the relevant department(s) in the past 3 years (from 2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (c) How much time is expected for the Appeal Board in relation to the ex-gratia allowance for the trawl ban to handle all the hearings? Is there a timetable for the work in future?
- (d) What measures does the Government have to enhance the transparency of the progress of cases handled by the Appeal Board in relation to the ex-gratia allowance for the trawl ban, so that fishermen may know when their cases will be heard?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

- (a) The manpower of the Fishermen Claims Appeal Board (Trawl Ban) (FCAB) Secretariat and expenditure involved in handling the appeals received by FCAB from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Manpower of FCAB Secretariat (Number of Staff)</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	5	1.3
<b>2014-15</b>	5	1.8
<b>2015-16 (revised estimate)</b>	5	2.9

The expenditure above includes the staff cost and general operating cost of the Secretariat, as well as the fees for hiring outside legal advisors and other supporting services such as translation. In addition, a team in the Food and Health Bureau comprising two officers at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and Administrative Officer rank respectively is responsible for overseeing and supporting the operation of the FCAB, among other duties.

(b) & (c) A total of 858 appeals from trawler owners have been received by the FCAB. From 2013-14 to 2015-16, a total of 59 hearings were held by the FCAB (some cases require more than one hearing). As at mid-March 2016, the FCAB has completed action on 24 cases with decisions issued, while hearings for another 20 cases have been completed and the decisions are being drafted. In the light of the decision handed down by the FCAB, some appellants chose to drop their appeals. Up to mid-March 2016, 52 of the 858 appeals received have been withdrawn.

To ensure that all appeal cases are handled in a fair and just manner, the FCAB would have to conduct hearings for and closely examine the relevant information of each appeal case, including statements submitted and grounds provided by both parties. In some complicated cases, it may take more than one hearing to conclude the case. The FCAB has been working diligently and will continue to do so with a view to completing action on the appeals within a reasonable timeframe. It is difficult to predict the time needed for completing action on all the cases.

In view of the caseload, the Government has expanded the membership of the FCAB. The FCAB now comprises a pool of 6 Chairmen and 28 Members. We will continue to look for suitable candidates with a view to further strengthening the membership of the FCAB. Besides, additional resources have been provided to strengthen the secretariat support to the FCAB in order to help expedite the processing of the outstanding cases.

(d) The hearings of the FCAB are held in public. In order to further increase the transparency of its work, the FCAB has uploaded the written decisions on its website since February 2016. The FCAB Secretariat has also kept the appellants and respondent updated of the progress by way of letters and information disseminated on its website. We will continue to make use of different channels to communicate with the relevant parties.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)026**

**(Question Serial No. 0019)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards redeveloping the Food Safety Laboratory of the Government Laboratory to increase its testing capacity in preparation for the implementation of new legislation on food safety as well as enhancing its operational efficiency in 2016-17, please provide the details, including the specific plan, the additional services that can be provided, the testing capacity that can be increased, timetable, manpower required and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The Government Laboratory (GL) is currently in shortage of laboratory area. We need to review the overall food safety testing facilities of GL to strengthen its testing capacity, enhance its preparedness for implementing new food safety legislation as well as improving its operation efficiency. We are studying the planning parameters and technical feasibility of increasing the laboratory area of the GL including conducting related transport and environmental impact assessments. We shall work out further details, such as implementation timelines and budget estimates, upon completion of these technical assessments. The manpower and expenditure required by the Food and Health Bureau and GL for pursuing this exercise are absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)027**

**(Question Serial No. 0020)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards formulating improvement proposals for a number of public markets in 2016-17, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014, please provide the details, including the specific plan, timetable, the manpower required and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

The consultant selected 6 representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The 6 markets are Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Lockhart Road Market and Wing Fong Street Market. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets in phases. Specifically, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at these two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-2017. The experience gained and the improvement recommendations taken forward will serve as reference for pursuing improvements to other similar markets in future.

The consultant also suggested implementing some non-physical improvement measures relating to the management, hygiene, as well as marketing and promotion of public markets.

As pointed out by the consultant, the pursuit of these non-physical measures will incur additional costs, require additional resources for management, and require the setting of priorities for implementation. On the management of public markets, the Department agrees with the consultant that priority should be given to tackling inactive stalls and keeping markets clean and hygienic in general. On marketing and promotion, the Department has been organising various promotional activities in public markets, including festive promotions, games booths, cooking demonstrations and distribution of souvenirs. The Department will sustain its promotional efforts with a view to increasing customer flows in public markets and improving business viability.

The above work will be undertaken by existing staff. The estimated cost of market promotional activities in 2016-17 is \$7 million. The Department plans to create an additional 13 civil service foreman posts in 2016-17 with an annual expenditure of \$3 million to strengthen the existing manpower in market management.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)028**

**(Question Serial No. 0021)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards developing guidelines and good practices on “re-used oils”, please provide the details, including the specific plan, timetable, the manpower required and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The Government intends to step up the regulation of the safety of edible fats and oils and the recycling of “waste cooking oils” in Hong Kong for the purposes of safeguarding food safety and promoting environmental protection. We launched a three-month public consultation in July 2015, and reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in December 2015 on the findings of the consultation and the Government’s observations about the views collected. The Government is in the course of formulating specific regulatory proposals. Among others, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) is planning to conduct consultancy studies for developing guidelines on good practice in “re-used oils” for reference by the catering industry. The details of the studies, including the scope and timetable, are currently under consideration. The estimated expenditure of the consultancy studies is about \$3 million. The CFS would engage the trade in the process. The manpower and expenditure required for developing the guidelines will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)029****(Question Serial No. 0037)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (3), the Government will follow through the legislative process of the Private Columbaria Bill with a view to enhancing the regulation of private columbaria during 2016-17. In this regard, will the Government please advise on the following:

The Government has assessed that with the enactment of the Private Columbaria Bill, the number of sets of ashes to be displaced will run up to 80 000. However, only about 50 000 urns are provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) as temporary storage spaces and there is still a shortage of 30 000 niches. Will the Government review afresh the ash disposal policy? If yes, what are the details? Will the number of FEHD's temporary storage spaces be increased to 80 000? Will relatives and friends be allowed to pay respect to the deceased at the temporary storage spaces?

Columbaria operators are likely to mount vigorous challenges of every aspect of the rectification. The possibility of appeals and judicial reviews cannot be ruled out either. Apart from requiring relevant government departments and the Licensing Board to consider each application carefully, what other methods and measures will be adopted in response to the situation and are they sufficient enough to prevent columbaria operators from using legal proceedings as an excuse to obtain temporary suspension of liability for more than 3 years? How will the Government tackle such legal loopholes?

Columbaria operators, though covered by temporary suspension of liability, are not allowed to sell or let out niches before getting a licence. Will the Government step up publicity on this point to avoid cases where members of the public, not knowing clearly about the laws, are misled by illicit operators to have mistakenly purchased or rent unlicensed columbaria niches? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? How did the Government publicise the interests in relation to the trading in niches to the public in the past? What were the expenses and manpower incurred for the past 2 years? At present there are still unauthorised columbaria selling niches. Are there any penalties imposed on

those unauthorised private columbaria violating the prohibition? Is the Government aware of such non-compliant cases? How will the Government plug the aforementioned legal loopholes?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The Private Columbaria Bill (the Bill) was introduced into the Legislative Council on 25 June 2014. Through the Bill, the Government proposes to establish a licensing scheme to regulate the operation of private columbaria. Under the proposed licensing scheme, no person may be engaged in the operation of a private columbarium in Hong Kong, unless such operation is covered by a licence, an exemption or a temporary suspension of liability (TSOL). In addition, no person may sell interment rights in respect of a private columbarium without a licence.

When a private columbarium ceases operation (irrespective of reason), there are various ways for the bereaved families to handle the ashes displaced, including applying for the use of niches provided by private cemeteries, the Government and the Board of Management of Chinese Permanent Cemeteries, where available; scattering of ashes at Gardens of Remembrance and at sea; keeping the ashes at home; and placing additional sets of ashes into niches of immediate family members through co-location. In addition, the Government provides temporary ash storage spaces for accommodating niches on a temporary basis, at which no paying of tribute is allowed. As a long term measure, the Government will step up the promotion of green burial.

The objective of providing an option to a pre-Bill columbarium to apply for TSOL is to allow time for the operator to seek regularisation / rectification with a view to meeting the requirements for obtaining a licence or exemption. Given that a holder of TSOL could not sell interment rights, there is an incentive for him/her to fulfil the licensing requirements as early as possible in order to obtain a licence. It would not be in the interest of the operator to procrastinate.

Prior to the enactment of the Bill, the Government has been making efforts to enhance consumer education through various means, including broadcasting Announcement in the Public Interest (APIs) on television and radio, setting up a hotline, publishing and updating a pamphlet providing useful advice for consumers, distributing the pamphlet through various channels (including Government websites) and at various suitable locations such as the two cremation booking offices and two cemeteries and crematoria offices of the FEHD, the 16 hospitals under the Hospital Authority, 740 residential care homes for the elderly and the Seniors Expo held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The aim is to maximise the dissemination of messages reminding consumers of the importance of exercising due care when considering purchasing private niches. The Consumer Council has conveyed similar messages through its Choice Magazine for the protection of consumer interests after the announcement of the Bill. We will continue to monitor the market situation and seek to identify additional channels with a view to enhancing effective consumer education on purchase of niches. Upon enactment of the legislation, we will further step up our publicity efforts through means such as setting up a hotline, broadcasting APIs on radio and television, issuing press releases and placing advertisements in

newspapers to promote awareness and understanding of the new legislation. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower resources and expenses involved in the relevant publicity and promotion work.

Before the Bill is enacted, various authorities / departments with enforcement powers as provided for under the relevant Ordinances (including the Planning Authority, the Lands Department, and the Buildings Authority) will continue with their enforcement actions against various unauthorised private columbaria according to the respective Ordinances and enforcement policies, with a view to inducing the operators to seek early regularisation and rectification of the relevant breaches.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)030**

**(Question Serial No. 0312)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “formulate improvement proposals for a number of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014”. In this connection, please advise:

Whether works will be carried out in the markets? If yes, what are the details? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Whether the Department will consult the affected stakeholders such as market stallholders and the local community, etc., prior to carrying out any works? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The consultant has selected 6 representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The 6 markets are Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Lockhart Road Market and Wing Fong Street Market. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets in phases. In line with existing practices for taking forward market improvement projects, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated cost and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at those two markets. We will start following up the

Consultant's recommended improvements for the other four markets in 2016-2017. The experience gained and the improvement recommendations taken forward will serve as reference for pursuing improvements to other similar markets in future.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)031****(Question Serial No. 0314)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “continue to implement the assistance scheme for improving the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- the latest position of the assistance scheme in the table below:

Item	Number of hawkers eligible	Number of hawkers applied	Number of hawkers approved	Expenditure required
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences				
Relocation of stalls				
In-situ reconstruction of stalls				

- the take-up rate of the assistance scheme in each of the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas covered by the scheme in the table below:

District	Location of hawker areas	Number of hawker stalls	Number of ex-gratia payment applications	Number of relocation applications	Number of in-situ reconstruction applications	Take-up rate

- the number of licensed hawkers operating in the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas before and after the implementation of the assistance scheme in the table below:

District	Location of fixed pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees		
		Cabinet-type	HPP-type	Total	Cabinet-type	HPP-type	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street						
	Marble Street						
	Kam Wa Street						
	Tai Tak Street						
	Mong Lung Street						
	Subtotal						
Central & Western	Pottinger Street						
	Graham Street						
	Gage Street						
	Li Yuen Street East						
	Li Yuen Street West						
	Peel Street						
	Wing Kut Street						
	Upper Lascar Row						
	Man Wa Lane						
	Subtotal						
Wan Chai	Gresson Street						
	Cross Street						
	Tai Yuen Street						
	Jardine's Crescent						
	Subtotal						
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street						
	Pak Hoi Street						
	Saigon Street						
	Canton Road						
	Bowring Street						
	Temple Street						
	Subtotal						



District	Location of fixed pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees		
		Cabinet-type	HPP-type	Total	Cabinet-type	HPP-type	Total
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street						
	Canton Road						
	Fife Street						
	Yin Chong Street						
	Ki Lung Street						
	Poplar Street						
	Fa Yuen Street						
	Nelson Street						
	Subtotal						
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street						
	Fat Tseung Street						
	Cheung Fat Street						
	Fuk Wa Street						
	Fuk Wing Street						
	Pei Ho Street						
	Apliu Street						
	Ki Lung Street						
	Tai Nan Street						
	Kweilin Street						
	Subtotal						
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street						
	Subtotal						
	Total No. of Stalls :						

HPP: Hawker Permitted Place

- the expenditure and number of licences involved each year since the implementation of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme in 2002 in the table below:

Year	Expenditure of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme	Number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences voluntarily surrendered	Total number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences	Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences voluntarily surrendered	Total number of Itinerant Hawker Licences
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					
2007					
2008					
2009					
2010					
2011					
2012					
2013					
2014					
2015					

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annexes 1-4.

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**The Latest Position of the Assistance Scheme  
(as at 29.2.2016)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of hawkers eligible</b>	<b>Number of hawkers who applied</b>	<b>Number of applications approved</b>	<b>Expenditure required</b>
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences	4 199	562	497	\$59,640,000
Relocation of stalls	496	388	313#	\$14,435,400
In-situ reconstruction of stalls	3 833	1 957	996#	\$35,290,000

# Payment for relocation or in-situ reconstruction grant is subject to compliance with all stall construction specifications and clearance of existing stall structure.

**Take-up Rate of the Assistance Scheme in Each of the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas  
Covered by the Scheme (as at 29.2.2016)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Location of Hawker Areas</b>	<b>Number of Hawker Stalls<sup>1</sup></b> <b>(a)</b>	<b>Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(b)</b>	<b>Number of Relocation Applications</b> <b>(c)</b>	<b>Number of In-situ Re-construction Applications<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(d)</b>	<b>Take-up Rate</b> <b>(e) = [(b)+(c)+(d)]/(a)</b>
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	92	17	6	66	97%
	Marble Street	122	42	6	58	87%
	Kam Wa Street	112	18	7	50	67%
	Tai Tak Street	28	16	0	11	96%
	Mong Lung Street	20	10	0	6	80%
	Sub-total	374	103	19	191	84%
Central and Western	Pottinger Street	44	7	1	36	100%
	Graham Street	55	15	6	34	100%
	Gage Street	15	4	0	11	100%
	Li Yuen Street East	63	5	12	46	100%
	Li Yuen Street West	58	5	20	33	100%
	Peel Street	43	20	2	21	100%
	Wing Kut Street	33	1	6	26	100%
	Upper Lascar Row	13	4	0	9	100%
	Man Wa Lane	32	1	2	29	100%
	Sub-total	356	62	49	245	100%
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	52	12	2	38	100%
	Cross Street	70	2	3	16	30%
	Tai Yuen Street	75	0	4	55	79%

District	Location of Hawker Areas	Number of Hawker Stalls <sup>1</sup> (a)	Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications <sup>2</sup> (b)	Number of Relocation Applications (c)	Number of In-situ Re-construction Applications <sup>2</sup> (d)	Take-up Rate (e) = [(b)+(c)+(d)]/(a)
	Jardine's Crescent	166	26	33	106	99%
	Sub-total	363	40	42	215	82%
Yau Tsim	Reclamati on Street	233	47	27	115	81%
	Pak Hoi Street	16	3	0	3	38%
	Saigon Street	20	3	0	5	40%
	Canton Road	37	19	1	2	59%
	Bowring Street	99	9	9	71	90%
	Temple Street	321	19	5	29	17%
	Sub-total	726	100	42	225	51%
Mong kok	Tung Choi Street	698	68	0	0	10%
	Canton Road	318	41	30	166	75%
	Fife Street	34	8	2	5	44%
	Yin Chong Street	78	12	9	50	91%
	Ki Lung Street	22	12	2	1	68%
	Poplar Street	12	5	1	0	50%
	Fa Yuen Street	214	1	30	183	100%
	Nelson Street	63	12	0	0	19%
	Sub-total	1 439	159	74	405	44%
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	72	25	3	9	51%
	Fat Tseung Street	47	12	5	11	60%
	Cheung Fat Street	65	20	3	23	71%
	Fuk Wa Street	166	10	33	121	99%

<b>District</b>	<b>Location of Hawker Areas</b>	<b>Number of Hawker Stalls<sup>1</sup></b> <b>(a)</b>	<b>Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(b)</b>	<b>Number of Relocation Applications</b> <b>(c)</b>	<b>Number of In-situ Re-construction Applications<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(d)</b>	<b>Take-up Rate</b> <b>(e) = [(b)+(c)+(d)]/(a)</b>
	Fuk Wing Street	40	1	8	31	100%
	Pei Ho Street	153	6	14	117	90%
	Apliu Street	220	10	51	154	98%
	Ki Lung Street	134	7	20	96	92%
	Tai Nan Street	62	1	10	42	85%
	Kweilin Street	59	0	8	50	98%
	Sub-total	1 018	92	155	654	89%
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	53	4	7	17	53%
	Sub-total	53	4	7	17	53%
	Total:	4 329	560	388	1 952	67%

- 1 The number of hawker stalls has taken into account changes outside the scope of the assistance scheme, including the death of licensees, licences surrendered but licensees are not eligible for ex-gratia payment (EGP), relocation of hawker stalls and succession of licence in the early stage of the assistance scheme.
- 2 The number of EGP and in-situ reconstruction applications does not include cases when the same hawker pitch has been occupied by different hawkers at different times and death of licensee after the approval of in-situ reconstruction grant.

**Licensed Hawkers Operating in the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas before and after the Implementation of the Assistance Scheme**

District	Location of fixed-pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees <sup>1</sup> (as at 29.2.2016)		
		Cabinet-type	HPP-type <sup>2</sup>	Total	Cabinet-type	HPP-type <sup>2</sup>	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	0	93	81	0	81
	Marble Street	124	0	124	90	0	90
	Kam Wa Street	20	91	111	25	72	97
	Tai Tak Street	26	2	28	17	1	18
	Mong Lung Street	4	17	21	3	10	13
	Subtotal	267	110	377	216	83	299
Central and Western	Pottinger Street	47	0	47	38	0	38
	Graham Street	35	20	55	28	17	45
	Gage Street	15	0	15	11	0	11
	Li Yuen Street East	63	0	63	58	0	58
	Li Yuen Street West	58	0	58	53	0	53
	Peel Street	36	7	43	28	3	31
	Wing Kut Street	32	2	34	30	2	32
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	13	12	0	12
	Man Wa Lane	32	0	32	31	0	31
	Subtotal	331	29	360	289	22	311
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	46	5	51	36	4	40
	Cross Street	60	11	71	58	10	68
	Tai Yuen Street	5	71	76	5	70	75
	Jardine's Crescent	162	0	162	151	0	151
	Subtotal	273	87	360	250	84	334
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	189	44	233	153	33	186
	Pak Hoi Street	7	9	16	7	6	13
	Saigon Street	19	0	19	17	0	17
	Canton Road	32	4	36	16	2	18
	Bowring Street	100	0	100	90	0	90

District	Location of fixed-pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees <sup>1</sup> (as at 29.2.2016)		
	Temple Street	34	289	323	34	268	302
	Subtotal	381	346	727	317	309	626
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	0	698	698	0	632	632
	Canton Road	317	0	317	280	0	280
	Fife Street	29	0	29	26	0	26
	Yin Chong Street	78	0	78	66	0	66
	Ki Lung Street	20	0	20	10	0	10
	Poplar Street	12	0	12	7	0	7
	Fa Yuen Street	220	0	220	213	0	213
	Nelson Street	0	63	63	0	51	51
	Subtotal	676	761	1 437	602	683	1 285
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	5	66	71	5	42	47
	Fat Tseung Street	27	20	47	21	14	35
	Cheung Fat Street	54	11	65	37	9	46
	Fuk Wa Street	166	0	166	156	0	156
	Fuk Wing Street	0	40	40	0	39	39
	Pei Ho Street	124	30	154	119	29	148
	Apliu Street	179	42	221	168	42	210
	Ki Lung Street	39	96	135	36	91	127
	Tai Nan Street	2	61	63	1	60	61
	Kweilin Street	0	58	58	0	59	59
	Subtotal	596	424	1 020	543	385	928
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	0	54	49	0	49
	Subtotal	54	0	54	49	0	49
	Total No. of Stalls :	2 578	1 757	4 335	2 266	1 566	3 832

<sup>1</sup> The number of hawkers has taken into account changes outside the scope of the assistance scheme, including the death of licensees, licences surrendered but licensees are not eligible for ex-gratia payment (EGP), relocation of hawkers and succession of licence in the early stage of the assistance scheme.

<sup>2</sup> Hawker Permitted Place-type.



**Information on Expenditure and Number of Hawker Licences involved since the Implementation of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme in 2002**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme</b>	<b>Number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences voluntarily surrendered<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences</b>	<b>Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences voluntarily surrendered<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total number of Itinerant Hawker Licences</b>
2002	\$0	0	161	0	1 006
2003	\$3,960,000	5	153	138	858
2004	\$2,370,000	13	135	62	787
2005	\$1,620,000	8	119	47	726
2006	\$1,470,000	5	113	48	673
2007	\$1,890,000	6	107	71	600
2008	\$810,000	N/A	105	47	546
2009	\$480,000	N/A	104 <sup>3</sup>	30	535
2010	\$690,000	N/A	105	28	522
2011	\$510,000	N/A	103	17	505
2012	\$780,000	N/A	98	26	470
2013	N/A	N/A	97	N/A	455
2014	N/A	N/A	95	N/A	442
2015	N/A	N/A	86	N/A	430

<sup>1</sup> Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Fixed Pitch (Cooked Food/Light Refreshment) Hawker Licences was administered for five years from 1 December 2002 to 30 November 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Itinerant Hawker Licences was administered for ten years from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2012.

<sup>3</sup> One licence had been cancelled due to the death of a licensee in 2009 but the licence was subsequently succeeded by the spouse of the deceased licensee in 2010.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)032**

**(Question Serial No. 0326)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2), the Government will put forth legislative and administrative proposals in respect of the regulation of the safety and quality standards of edible fats and oils and recycling of waste cooking oils during 2016-17. In this regard, will the Government please advise on the following:

Is there a specific timetable for putting forth the legislative proposals? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons for the delay?

In December 2014, the Government required that all "waste cooking oils" had to be handed over to recyclers recognised by the Environmental Protection Department via the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency, and that all records should be properly kept. Up until now, did any restaurants or food factories contravene the requirements? If so, what is the number of such cases? What are the manpower and expenditure involved this year in inspecting restaurants and food factories to see whether they have handed over waste cooking oils to recognised recyclers? Will additional manpower be deployed to handle the relevant work next year?

What is the frequency of the sampling and testing of edible oils in each of the past 3 years? What is the number of samples of edible oils that were found not meeting the food safety standards in each of the past 3 years? Will the Government step up the sampling and testing of edible oils imported from other places next year? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure and manpower involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

The Government conducted a public consultation on the regulatory proposals to

regulate the safety and quality standards of edible fats and oils and the recycling of “waste cooking oils” (WCO) from July to October 2015. The views collected during the consultation exercise and the Government’s observations were reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in December 2015. We are in the course of formulating specific regulatory proposals, taking into account the views of relevant stakeholders. We plan to put forward specific regulatory proposals in 2016-17.

2. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) is working with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to implement administrative measures to regulate the recycling of WCO by imposing an additional licensing condition on food premises that the WCO produced during the cooking process must be handed over to a collector registered by EPD. FEHD would be in a position to incorporate the licensing condition into new and renewed licences only after EPD has completed the registration exercise for collectors. EPD has started to accept applications for registration under the administrative scheme starting from mid-February 2016. The relevant expenditure in 2016-17 will be absorbed from within the existing resources and manpower of EPD and FEHD.

3. The number of edible oil samples taken by the Centre for Safety (CFS) for testing has increased from 454 in 2013 to 798 in 2014 and 760 in 2015. The number of edible oil samples to be taken for testing in 2016 is expected to be at the same level as in 2015. One sample taken in 2014 was found to have Benzo[a]pyrene (BaP) value exceeding the CFS’ action level. According to CFS’ risk assessment, the BaP level of the sample concerned did not raise food safety concern. CFS does not keep separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower for taking edible oil samples for testing.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)033**

**(Question Serial No. 0328)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2), the Bureau states that it will continue to implement a multi-pronged strategy to prevent avian influenza outbreak. Please inform this Council of the following:

What were the manpower and expenditure involved in dealing with avian influenza outbreak in the current financial year? How many times did the Bureau visit local farms to carry out tests on chicken carcasses over the same period? How many chicken samples were tested? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in these tasks? Of all the samples tested, how many chicken carcasses were tested positive for avian influenza? How many inspections of live poultry stalls were conducted in the current financial year? How many stalls were found with irregularities during these inspections? What were the manpower and expenditure involved? Will the Bureau deploy additional manpower to deal with avian influenza outbreak in the coming year? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? The Bureau will follow through the consultancy study on the future development of the live poultry trade and consult the public on the recommendations of the consultant. What are the expected completion date for the consultancy study and the expected commencement date of the public consultation exercise? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 115)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Government will continue to implement a multi-pronged strategy to reduce the risk of avian influenza (AI) outbreaks in Hong Kong, taking into account the prevailing AI risk in Hong Kong and the South China region. The Food and Health Bureau is responsible for formulating and overseeing the overall strategy, whereas the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene

Department (FEHD) are responsible for the implementation of the preventive and control measures.

The programme administered by AFCD includes (a) close surveillance of poultry in local farms and wholesale poultry market, pet birds, wild birds and the environment thereby enabling early detection of AI viruses and prevention of AI outbreaks; (b) conducting regular inspections of local farms to ensure compliance with the biosecurity, farm hygiene and other related requirements, including proper vaccination of chickens against AI, and taking enforcement actions against non-compliant cases; (c) carrying out enforcement operations to combat illegal keeping of backyard poultry; (d) keeping the local, regional and global AI situation under monitoring, thereby providing an informed basis for the Government to regularly review the AI risk in Hong Kong and ensure that the AI prevention and control measures remain effective and appropriate in present-day circumstances; and (e) organising various education and publicity activities related to AI such as education seminars on farm management and disease prevention for local farmers and their workers. The estimated expenditure in 2016-17 for the monitoring, prevention and control of AI as well as related publicity work implemented by AFCD is \$51.6 million. A total of 46 staff in AFCD are involved in this area of work, same as the provision in 2015-16. In 2015, AFCD conducted 1 974 inspections of local chicken farms and collected 42 chicken carcasses for AI testing. None of the carcasses was found positive to AI virus.

The AI surveillance and inspection work carried out by FEHD includes (a) conducting surveillance and inspection of imported live poultry at the Man Kam To Animal Inspection Station; (b) inspecting registered farms that export poultry to Hong Kong (including those in the Mainland and other places); and (c) inspections of live poultry stalls at retail level. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for import inspection is \$8.4 million and that for inspection of poultry farms outside Hong Kong is \$6.8 million. A total of 48 staff in FEHD are involved in this area of work, similar to the provision in 2015-16. The required manpower and expenditure for conducting inspections of live poultry stalls is absorbed within existing resources. There is no breakdown on the relevant manpower and expenditure involved. In 2015, about 267 000 inspections of live poultry stalls were conducted by FEHD. During the inspections, 4 verbal warnings and 4 warning letters were issued by FEHD in respect of irregularities detected in connection with the AI surveillance.

In view of the on-going threat of AI, the Government is conducting a consultancy study on the future development of the live poultry trade in Hong Kong, including whether the sale of live poultry should continue. The study is expected to complete in the second quarter of 2016 and we will consult the public on the recommendations of the consultant thereafter. Existing manpower is deployed to handle the related work. The estimated consultancy fee is \$3.412 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)034**

**(Question Serial No. 2986)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated in Programme (2) that the Government will conduct public consultation on regulation of the level of heavy metal in the coming year. In this connection, please advise on the following:

1. Is there an exact date for launching the above consultation exercise? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons for the delay in fixing a date?
2. What are the manpower and expenditure involved in launching the above consultation exercise in the coming year?
3. Does the Government have any plan to set up acceptable level of heavy metal in food and how?
4. In the past 3 years, how many food samples were tested for the presence of heavy metal each year? What were the manpower and expenditure involved? How many food samples were found with excessive heavy metal? Prior to putting in place statutory regulation of the level of heavy metal in food, will additional resources be allocated next year for testing the presence of heavy metal in food samples? If yes, what are the details? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

(1-3) The Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap. 132V) (the Regulations) regulate the level of metallic contaminants in food. To better protect public health, facilitate effective regulation and promote harmonisation between local and international standards, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and Centre for Food Safety

(CFS) have embarked on the preparatory work to review and update the Regulations. CFS has set up a working group under the Expert Committee on Food Safety to solicit views on the proposed legislative amendments. The current review aims to formulate proposals for amendments to the Regulations with reference to the standards of Codex Alimentarius Commission<sup>1</sup>, standards set by different national authorities as well as local food consumption pattern, where appropriate. CFS is now working out details of the proposed legislative amendments. Subject to the deliberations of the Expert Committee on Food Safety, we plan to conduct public consultation on the proposed amendments to the Regulations in 2016. The manpower and expenditure required for preparing the public consultation will be absorbed from within existing resources.

(4) The numbers of samples tested for heavy metals in 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 3 709, 4 205 and 5 018 respectively. The numbers of unsatisfactory samples were seven, eight and ten respectively. The testing of heavy metals in food has been included in the 2016 Food Surveillance Programme of the Centre for Food Safety. Some 4 000 samples are planned to be taken.

The total expenditure on the Food Surveillance and Complaint Section in 2014-15 was \$61.6 million. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$65.3 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$71.1 million. The manpower establishment of this Section in 2014-15 and 2015-16 was 115 in each year. In 2016-17, the same number of staff will be deployed. CFS does not have separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower for taking samples for heavy metal testing.

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<sup>1</sup> Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international body established in 1963 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation to develop food standards and guidelines for protecting the health of consumers and ensuring fair trade practices in the food trade.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)035**

**(Question Serial No. 0455)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In "Brief Description", the Government states that its work involves the "control of destructive fishing practices" and the "regulation of fishing activities with the use or aid of vessels". Under this connection, please provide the details of the operation involved and the measures adopted by the Administration while balancing its control and preserving traditional fishing industry, e.g. the making of traditional shrimp paste.

Asked by: Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

To protect the marine environment and fisheries resources in Hong Kong waters, destructive fishing practices<sup>1</sup> are prohibited under the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171) (the Ordinance). The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) combats illegal fishing activities in Hong Kong waters through regular and targeted patrols, collection of intelligence from various sources, and joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force from time to time. Furthermore, a registration system for local fishing vessels has been introduced under the Ordinance which aims at freezing the level of fishing efforts in Hong Kong waters by limiting the entry of new fishing vessels and containing any increase in their engine power. Fishing with the use or aid of non-fishing vessels is permitted, but only with the use of certain permitted fishing methods such as hand-lining. By facilitating the rehabilitation of the marine environment and fisheries resources, we believe that the above efforts would help ensure the sustainable development of the industry including allowing room for preserving traditional fishing practices.

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<sup>1</sup> Destructive fishing practices include fishing with explosives, toxic substances, electricity-emitting appliances, suction devices, dredging devices, and trawling devices.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)036****(Question Serial No. 0456)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 72 to 2 145 as at 31 March 2017. Please inform this Council of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him (Member Question No. 12)Reply:

The information sought is provided in the table below:

Area of Work	Ranks	Number of Posts	Provision for salaries in 2016-17
To implement the New Agriculture Policy	Senior Agricultural Officer	1	\$3.5 million
	Agricultural Officer	1	
	Field Officer II	2	
	Accounting Officer II	1	
	Executive Officer II	1	
	Assistant Clerical Officer	1	
To enhance sustainable development of the fisheries industry and the quality and safety of local fisheries products	Fisheries Officer	1	\$3.3 million
	Fisheries Technical Officer I	1	
	Fisheries Technical Officer II	1	
	Fisheries Supervisor I	1	
	Fisheries Supervisor II	3	
	Executive Officer II	1	
	Field Assistant	1	

To strengthen the testing services for equine infectious diseases	Veterinary Officer	1	\$3.3 million
	Veterinary Technologist	2	
	Veterinary Laboratory Technician I	2	
To enhance animal welfare and animal management services	Field Officer II	12	\$1.6 million
To enhance nature conservation activities, including regulatory control on trade in ivory and implementation of the Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan	Fisheries Officer	2	\$3.8 million
	Forestry Officer	1	
	Field Officer I	1	
	Field Officer II	7	
	Field Assistant	5	
To perform the services of exhibit management, education and outreach programmes in the Hong Kong Wetland Park	Field Officer I	1	\$0.6 million
	Field Officer II	1	
	Senior Field Assistant	2	
To strengthen the management of and law enforcement in marine parks, country parks and geopark	Fisheries Officer	1	\$2.6 million
	Fisheries Supervisor I	1	
	Fisheries Supervisor II	4	
	Field Officer II	2	
	Senior Field Assistant	1	
	Field Assistant	10	
	Artisan	1	
To strengthen executive, management and general support	Executive Officer I	1	\$1.2 million
	Executive Officer II	2	
	Artisan	1	
Total:		77*	\$19.9 million*

\* The number of posts increased will be partly offset by deletion of 5 time-limited posts in 2016-17, resulting in a net increase of 72 posts. Accordingly, the salaries will be partly offset by saving of about \$3 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)037**

**(Question Serial No. 1164)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The establishment of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department as at 31 March 2016 will be 2 081 posts. It is expected that there will be a net increase of 72 posts in 2016-17. Why is its Mandatory Provident Fund contribution increased from \$2.437 million in 2015-16 to \$5.399 million in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The provision for Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contribution is estimated to increase from \$2.437 million in 2015-16 (revised estimate) to \$5.399 million in 2016-17. In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to provide for the MPF contribution for existing civil servants who are on probationary terms. Additional provision is required to cover the MPF contribution arising from the filling of the 72 net-increased posts, as well as existing vacancies, including posts vacated due to retirement / resignation in 2015-16, and unfilled posts carried over from the preceding year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)038**

**(Question Serial No. 2471)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) In “taking follow-up actions on the implementation of the legislation to ban trawling and better regulate fishing activities in Hong Kong waters, and continuing to implement other recommendations of the Committee on Sustainable Fisheries, with the aim of conserving and restoring marine resources”, please set out the details on the detected cases of suspected involvement of Mainland fishing vessels in illegal fishing within the territorial waters of Hong Kong, prosecutions instituted and imprisonments sentenced over the past 5 years.
- (b) Please set out the number of vessels deployed by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the number of patrols conducted within Hong Kong waters during 3 am to 6 am in combating illegal fishing activities in the past year.
- (c) To combat illegal trawling in 2016-17, what will be the number of staff deployed and the provision earmarked by the AFCD? How many vessels will be deployed? How many patrols will be conducted within Hong Kong waters?

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is given below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of suspected cases</b>	<b>Number of successful prosecution cases</b>	<b>Maximum penalty of convicted cases</b>
2011 <sup>1</sup>	0	0	Not Applicable
2012	1	1	Fine \$1,000
2013	3	3	Imprisonment: 1 month (suspended for 12 months)
2014	7	6	Fine: \$10,000 Imprisonment: 4 weeks
2015	12	12	Fine: \$1,000 Imprisonment: 1 month (suspended for 12 months)

- (b) In 2015, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) deployed 3 vessels to patrol in the waters of Hong Kong against illegal fishing activities (including trawling), focusing on areas in which intelligence suggested the occurrence of such illegal activities from time to time. Specifically for the hours from 3:00 am to 6:00 am, AFCD deployed 1 patrol vessel and conducted 98 patrols in the past year.
- (c) In 2016-17, AFCD will deploy 18 staff and 3 patrol vessels for enforcement against illegal fishing activities including trawling. An amount of \$13.7 million has been earmarked for the purpose and the estimated number of patrols to be conducted is about 1 400.

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<sup>1</sup> There was no specific legislation governing the fishing activities of Mainland fishing vessels before the amendments to the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171) came into effect on 15 June 2012.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)039**

**(Question Serial No. 1007)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B), a person shall not carry on business as an animal trader otherwise than under a licence issued by the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation. However, a person who sells or offers to sell any of his/her pets or any offspring thereof is not required to apply for the licence. As the current legislation does not require private pet owners to obtain a licence, issues relating to the welfare and health of the dogs used for breeding arise as a result. Nonetheless, the maximum penalty for breaching the Regulations is \$2,000. This poses limited deterrence against malpractice. The Government stated that it would follow through the legislative amendments to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B) to strengthen regulation of pet trading; what are the specific initiatives and measures?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The legislative proposal to amend the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B) is aimed at enhancing animal health and welfare through better regulation of animal trading, breeding and selling of dogs. The key proposals include (a) introducing a new system of licence/permit to tighten the regulation of dog breeders and traders; (b) increasing the penalties under the Regulations; and (c) empowering the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC) to revoke animal trader licences under specific circumstances.

After the proposed amendments come into effect, any person who sells dogs, including the person's own pets or the offspring of the pets, will be required to obtain a licence or permit. The type of licence or permit required will depend on the nature of the operation and the number of dogs being kept or sold. The maximum penalty for illegal trading of animals

will be raised from a fine of \$2,000 to \$100,000 and that for the breach of any licensing condition from a fine of \$1,000 to \$50,000. DAFC will also be empowered to revoke a licence if the licensee is convicted of an offence related to cruelty to or maltreatment of animals under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)040**

**(Question Serial No. 1021)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The amount of government subventions currently provided to animal welfare organisations is \$500,000. Please tabulate the numbers of successful applications, as well as the amount of subventions applied for and received by various animal welfare organisations over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been collaborating with animal welfare organisations (AWOs) to enhance animal welfare and promote better animal management. Recognising that most AWOs are non-profit making with limited resources, the Government has since 2011 been providing subvention to these AWOs in supporting their work as long as resources permit. From 2012 to 2014, a total of 22 applications have been received from 9 AWOs. The subventions sought by these AWOs have been fully or partially funded. The amount of subvention applied for and given to different AWOs over the past 3 years is listed in the tables below:



(a) Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for in 2012-2013 and released in 2013-14)<sup>1</sup>

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Released (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	288,000	65,600
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	201,600 <sup>2</sup>	201,600
3	Lifelong Animal Protection	810,000	99,779
4	Society for Abandoned Animals (SAA)	470,000	260,000
5	Hong Kong Rabbit Society	550,000	45,872
6	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and SAA	300,000	12,000 (SPCA) 2,400 (SAA)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,619,600</b>	<b>687,251</b>

(b) Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for in 2013-14 and released in 2014-15)

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Released (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	190,000	84,339
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	224,000	150,000
3	Lifelong Animal Protection	1,184,000	120,000
4	Hong Kong Rabbit Society	150,000	44,835
5	Hong Kong Rescue Puppies	185,232	0*
6	Sai Kung Stray Friends	223,000	35,000
7	SPCA and SAA	Applied for in 2012-13	13,200 <sup>3</sup> (SPCA)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,156,232</b>	<b>447,374</b>

\*No claims for reimbursement from the AWO concerned have been received.

<sup>1</sup> AWOs may submit their application for subvention to AFCD during the period from 1 October to 30 November each year. After consideration by AFCD, approved funds will be issued in the next financial year on a reimbursement basis after acceptance of reports and presentation of proofs of expenditures incurred.

<sup>2</sup> The original amount applied for by the AWO concerned was \$199,480. The final cost of the dog houses purchased (\$201,600) exceeded the amount of subvention previously approved by AFCD due to inflation. AFCD approved the additional amount of \$2,120 when the AWO concerned sought reimbursement.

<sup>3</sup> AFCD approved a joint application from SPCA and SAA for a 2-year education programme on village dog management in 2012-13. Upon receipt of claims from SPCA, AFCD released the remaining funding to them in 2014-15.

(c) Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for in 2014-15 and released in 2015-16)

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Released (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	160,000	76,679
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	224,000	150,000
3	Lifelong Animal Protection	1,808,000	120,000
4	Hong Kong Rabbit Society	135,000	48,181
5	Hong Kong Rescue Puppies	185,232	0*
6	Sai Kung Stray Friends	227,000	45,000
7	Cheung Chau Animal Care	80,000	30,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,819,232</b>	<b>469,860</b>

\* No claims for reimbursement from the AWO concerned have been received.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)041**

**(Question Serial No. 1022)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the installation of cattle grids on a trial basis in Sai Kung as discussed in the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of the Legislative Council, the Government responded in May 2015 that its feasibility was under assessment. What is the result of the assessment and its progress (including the location of the trial site, construction cost and implementation timetable)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) conducted a trial by installing a cattle grid in the Ta Kwu Ling Operation Centre to assess its effectiveness in confining cattle to a certain area. The trial result showed that the grid was effective in doing so. AFCD therefore proceeds to explore the feasibility of putting in place on a trial basis a cattle grid in Sai Kung and is now liaising closely with the relevant departments on addressing the technical and safety issues involved. These issues include the possible safety risks to pedestrians and road users following the installation of the cattle grid and the need for arrangements to address such issues. As the discussion is in progress, details of the trial are not available at this stage.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)042**

**(Question Serial No. 1023)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide in tabular form the following information about the 4 animal management centres over the past 3 years:

- (a) the animal accommodation capacity
- (b) the number of animals kept each year
- (c) the number of animals being desexed
- (d) manpower and the turnover rate (the number of qualified veterinary surgeons in the professional grade and the total number)
- (e) the number of inspections
- (f) the number of enforcement actions taken
- (g) the number of prosecutions
- (h) operating expenses

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department currently has 4 Animal Management Centres (AMCs). They are located in the New Territories North (NTN), New Territories South (NTS), Kowloon (K) and Hong Kong Island (HK) respectively. Information on these AMCs is provided below.

(a) Maximum capacity of animal accommodation<sup>1</sup>

AMC	Maximum Capacity (Numbers)			
	Dog kennel	Cat kennel	Bird cage	Enclosure for other animals
AMC/HK	50	30	--	--
AMC/K	90	30	--	--
AMC/NTS	80	30	--	--
AMC/NTN	130	80	25	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>

(b) Number of animals kept over the past 3 years<sup>2</sup>

AMC	2013			2014			2015		
	Dog	Cat	Others	Dog	Cat	Others	Dog	Cat	Others
AMC/HK	808	589	34	637	306	76	524	263	35
AMC/K	1 458	785	209	1 326	583	206	842	507	53
AMC/NTS	1 214	564	96	949	358	30	689	233	87
AMC/NTN	3 713	1 277	1 211	3 037	799	1 662	2 019	558	4 854

(c) Number of rehomed animals desexed over the past 3 years<sup>3</sup>

Calendar Year	Number of Rehomed Animals Desexed		
	Dog	Cat	Rabbit
2013	331	44	3
2014	408	44	2
2015	419	85	6

(d) The staff establishment and turnover rate over the past 3 years

Financial Year	Total Number of Posts in the Four AMCs <sup>^</sup>		Turnover Rate	
	Veterinary Officer	Technical / Frontline Staff	Veterinary Officer	Technical / Frontline Staff
2013-14	4	168	0%	6.5%
2014-15	4	171	0%	2.9%
2015-16	4	175	0%	4.0%

<sup>^</sup> The 4 AMCs are overseen by 1 Senior Veterinary Officer

<sup>1</sup> The holding capacity of the kennels depends on a number of factors, including if the animals are from the same litter or pack, the health status and behaviour of each animal. Despite the fact that the utilisation rate of the animal keeping facilities is constantly at a high level, one animal will be housed in each kennel as far as possible for the sake of better disease control and animal welfare.

<sup>2</sup> The duration of stay of the animals kept may range from one day to several months depending on the situation of individual case.

<sup>3</sup> AFCD has been engaging veterinary clinics through contract in providing desexing services for rehomed animals.

- (e) - (g) The number of inspections conducted for licensed animal trading, boarding, riding and temporary exhibition establishments, prosecutions against these premises, and the highest and lowest fine over the past 3 years

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of Inspections</b>	<b>Number of Prosecutions</b>	<b>Highest Fine</b>	<b>Lowest Fine</b>
2013	5 362	2	\$1,000	\$700
2014	5 576	1	\$800	\$800
2015	5 749	10	\$500	\$450

- (h) The actual expenditure and revised estimate for operating the respective AMCs over the past 3 years

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Operational Expenditure (\$ million)</b>			
	<b>AMC/NTN</b>	<b>AMC/NTS</b>	<b>AMC/K</b>	<b>AMC/HK</b>
2013-14	21.3	14.5	18.3	14.5
2014-15	21.3	15.6	18.8	13.9
2015-16 (revised estimate)	23.0	16.4	20.5	14.8

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)043****(Question Serial No. 1024)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

How many reported cases of animal cruelty were received by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department over the past 3 years? What were the numbers of investigations conducted, prosecutions instituted and convictions obtained under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance? What were the penalties imposed on the convicted persons? How many applications for review of cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance were lodged by the Department of Justice over the past 3 years on the grounds that the penalties imposed were too lenient? What were the results of these appeals?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 31)Reply:

The number of suspected animal cruelty related complaint cases received by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) over the past 3 years is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of suspected animal cruelty complaint cases received by AFCD</b>
2013	122
2014	160
2015	178

All the cases have been followed up and investigated by AFCD as appropriate. Most of them were found to be related to nuisance with no elements of cruelty. Prosecutions have been initiated for those with sufficient evidence. Details of successful prosecution cases

handled by AFCD under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) over the past 3 years are as follows:

Calendar Year	Type of Animal Involved	Number of Successful Prosecution Cases	Number of Persons Convicted	Heaviest Penalties Imposed	
				Fine	Imprisonment
2013	Birds and reptiles	2	2	\$500	3 months
2014	Reptiles	3	3	\$20,000	2 months
2015	Not applicable	0	0	Not applicable	Not applicable

Over the past 3 years, no applications have been lodged for review of cases handled by AFCD on the grounds that the penalties imposed were too lenient.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)044**

**(Question Serial No. 1032)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is noted that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has established a dedicated team to devise, implement and fortify public education and publicity programmes for disseminating messages that help promote care for animals and responsible pet ownership. What is the establishment of the team? What initiatives have been taken since its setting up and what is their effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has established a dedicated team of 1 Senior Field Officer, 2 Field Officer IIs and 3 contract staff (i.e. 1 Education Resources Officer, 1 Animal Management Inspector and 1 Contract Field Assistant) to devise, implement and fortify public education and publicity programmes for disseminating messages on responsible pet ownership and advice against the abandonment and needless surrender of pets, and publicising the need for dog licensing and rabies vaccination as well as the benefits of neutering. Relevant activities conducted include producing and broadcasting announcements in the public interest on television and radio; placing advertisements on different platforms, such as cinemas, public transport, bus stops, magazines and websites; organising promotional events jointly with animal welfare organisations in shopping arcades and outdoor venues; conducting village and community campaigns as well as holding talks in schools and housing estates. In addition, AFCD has recently revamped its website to further promote messages related to taking proper care of animals. Thanks to public support, the number of animals surrendered by owners and the number of stray animals caught has decreased by 42% and 52% respectively over the past 5 years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)045**

**(Question Serial No. 1039)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government caught 5 189 stray animals in 2015. Please advise in tabular form on the types of animals caught, the ways that the animals were handled, and the relevant expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

Stray animals caught will be put in the Animal Management Centres (AMCs) for observation. For animals with a microchip implanted, the AMCs will try to locate their owners based on the information on their records. In general, these animals will stay in the centres temporarily for about 10 to 20 days. For those without a microchip, the AMCs will keep them for at least 4 days in case they are indeed owned, allowing time for their owners to reclaim them. In cases where the animals being left unclaimed are in good health and assessed by a veterinary surgeon as having a gentle temperament and suitable for adoption, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will arrange for their transfer to Animal Welfare Organisations for adoption by members of the public. Only animals that remain unclaimed or not adopted at the end of the process will be euthanised.

The number and species of stray animals caught, given up by owners, received through other channels by AFCD and the number of animals reclaimed by the owners, re-homed and euthanised in 2015 are tabled at the Annex.

In 2015-16, the revised estimates involved in the management of stray animals (including catching operations) and the handling of animals caught are \$29.9 million and \$3.7 million respectively.

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## Annex

Calendar Year	Stray Animals Caught			Animals Given Up by Owners			Animals Received through Other Channels			Animal Reclaimed			Animals Re-homed			Animals Euthanised		
	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*
2015	2 412	1 359	1 418	1 284	129	109	378	73	3 590	774	626	11	651	168	83	2 421	696	3 469

\* Including small mammals (rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas, guinea pigs and rats), reptile, pigs/cattle, poultry/birds, etc.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)046**

**(Question Serial No. 3021)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned that there will be an increase of 19 posts in 2016-17 under Programme (3). What are the duties and salaries of these posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

Details of the 19 posts under Programme (3) are tabulated below:

Area of Work	Ranks	Number of posts	Provision for salaries in 2016-17 (\$ million)
To enhance enforcement of fisheries-related legislation	Fisheries Supervisor I	1	0.7
	Fisheries Supervisor II	1	
To strengthen the testing services for equine infectious diseases	Veterinary Officer	1	3.3
	Veterinary Technologist	2	
	Veterinary Laboratory Technician I	2	
To enhance animal welfare and animal management services	Field Officer II	12	1.6
Total:		19	5.6

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)047**

**(Question Serial No. 3096)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

How many Licenses to Import for live animals had been issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department over the past 3 years? What were the types of the animals concerned? What were their purposes?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The import of live animals and birds is regulated under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations (Cap. 139A) and the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421A). Importers of live animals and birds must apply for import permits from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) prior to importation. The number of permits issued by AFCD in the past 3 years is set out below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of Permits issued</b>
2013	5 946
2014	6 697
2015	7 734

The types of animals covered by the permits included dogs, cats, breeding pigs, food animals, zoo animals, horses, reptiles, birds, and other small mammals. They were imported for various purposes including animal trading, pet travelling, exhibition, horse racing, livestock farming, experimental use and human consumption.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)048**

**(Question Serial No. 2412)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the throughput at Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) market under the indicators for Agriculture,

- (a) What were the reasons for the reduction in the actual number from 129 164 tonnes in 2014 to 122 476 tonnes in 2015?
- (b) Among the vegetables marketed through VMO over the past 3 years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015), what was the proportion of vegetables imported from the Mainland and those produced by local farms? Please set out by year and by type of vegetables.
- (c) Over the past 3 years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015), were there any locally produced vegetables distributed for sale without being handled by VMO? If yes, what were the amounts? Please set out by year respectively. What were the reasons for VMO having failed to handle such vegetables?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

- (a) The reduction in the quantity of vegetables marketed through the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) in 2015 was mainly due to a drop in supply from the Mainland because of unstable and adverse weather.
- (b) The percentage of vegetables from local and mainland marketed through VMO in the past 3 years is tabulated below. We do not have separate breakdown for individual vegetable variety.

Calendar Year	Vegetables marketed through VMO	
	Local (%)	Mainland (%)
2013	1.5	98.5
2014	1.6	98.4
2015	1.5	98.5

- (c) We estimate that in 2013, 2014 and 2015, about 14 240, 13 430 and 13 160 tonnes of locally produced vegetables were distributed for sale without going through VMO. Local farmers are free to choose the most suitable marketing channel for their produce. Apart from VMO, they can sell their produce through other wholesale markets such as the North District Temporary Wholesale Market and the Yuen Long Tin Kwong Hui Vegetable Wholesale Market or directly to consumers through on-farm sale or home delivery.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)049**

**(Question Serial No. 1952)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the details of the work and expenditure involved in the euthanasia of animals (including the details of the types and dosage of the drugs used in the euthanasia of various animals, as well as the expenditure involved) and the “trap-neuter-vaccinate-return” trial scheme respectively over the past 5 years? What are the Department’s respective estimated expenditures on the above two schemes in 2016-17? Will the Department consider having a change in the expenditures of the above two schemes or allocating all the expenditure involved in the euthanasia of animals to the “trap-neuter-vaccinate-return” scheme in the coming financial year? Will the Department consider identifying additional trial sites for the “trap-neuter-vaccinate-return” trial scheme? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

**Euthanasia of Animals**

The expenditure involved in the euthanasia of animals over the past 5 years is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	1.3
2012-13	1.5
2013-14	1.6
2014-15	1.4
2015-16 (revised estimate)	1.5



General anesthetics are used in the euthanasia of animals, and the dosage used generally depends on the species, weight and age of the animals concerned.

### **“Trap-Neuter-Return” (TNR) Trial Programme for Stray Dogs**

In 2012, the original proposal of implementing the TNR trial programme for stray dogs in the 3 potential sites in Yuen Long, Sai Kung and on Lamma Island encountered objections from the respective District Councils and local communities. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), in collaboration with the 2 animal welfare organisations (AWOs) concerned, subsequently identified 3 alternative potential sites, 1 in Yuen Long and 2 in Cheung Chau, and consulted the local community and the respective District Councils on the proposed trial programme. While there was no negative feedback on the Yuen Long trial site, we received objection from the local community near one of the trial sites in Cheung Chau. To address the concerns raised by the residents of that community, the AWO concerned decided to take away that site from the trial scheme.

To facilitate the implementation of the TNR trial programme in Cheung Chau and Yuen Long by the 2 AWOs mentioned above, the Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Exemption) (Amendment) Notice 2014 and the Rabies (TNR Programme) (Exemption) Notice 2014 were enacted and they commenced operation in January 2015. The implementation cost of the TNR trial programme is fully borne by the 2 AWOs concerned. AFCD has separately commissioned a consultant to conduct a baseline survey on the number of dogs at the 2 trial sites, monitor the implementation of the trial programme, and assess the effectiveness of the TNR approach in reducing the stray dog population and its associated nuisance in the trial sites.

The expenditure by AFCD in 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 and the revised estimate for 2015-16 in connection with the TNR trial programme is around \$1.1 million on average for each financial year. In 2016-17, a provision of \$1.39 million has been earmarked for this area of work.

The 3-year TNR trial programme is in progress. AFCD will closely monitor the progress of the trial programme, and consider the way forward after the completion of the trial programme taking into account the outcome of the programme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)050**

**(Question Serial No. 1953)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the expenditures and the details of the work of the inter-departmental special working group (working group) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong) over the past 5 years? What is the estimated expenditure of the working group in 2016-17? Would the Government consider dedicating the estimated expenditure for the establishment of animal police?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

In 2011, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), in conjunction with the Police, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, set up an inter-departmental special working group (WG) for forging close cooperation and mutual support in handling animal cruelty cases. The WG meets regularly to discuss the handling of individual cases, formulate guidelines for improving efficiency in the detection and prevention of animal cruelty cases, and review the guidelines from time to time. Over the past 5 years, members of the WG have worked closely with and rendered mutual support to each other in handling animal cruelty cases. In addition, the WG has also been organising training courses for relevant government officers to facilitate continuous enhancement of their understanding of animal welfare issues and skills for handling animal cruelty cases. It keeps in view the level of penalty handed down by the court for the purpose of considering whether a review of the relevant regulations is necessary.

The work of the WG forms part of AFCD's on-going efforts in combating cruelty to animals and in promoting animal welfare. The relevant departments/parties have made use of their existing resources to carry out the related work.

Furthermore, AFCD has been actively involved in the "Animal Watch Scheme" (the Scheme) launched by the Police since 2011 to strengthen co-operation among the Police, AFCD, SPCA and other stakeholders in the investigation of cases involving cruelty to animals. Specifically, AFCD provides expert veterinary advice necessary for the investigation of animal cruelty cases and carries out post-mortem examination to find out the cause of death including whether the animals have been cruelly treated.

On the enforcement front, reports of animal cruelty cases received by the Police will be taken up by the crime investigation teams in various districts which have sufficient experience and professional investigation skills to follow up cases of cruelty to animals. Depending on the manpower of the police district, the nature and the prevailing trend of cases, the Police may consider assigning cases to dedicated teams in the interest of ensuring comprehensive and focused investigation. This arrangement allows the Police to flexibly deploy its limited resources, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of its efforts in combating acts of cruelty to animals. The Government considers that the existing mechanism has proved to be effective and therefore has no plan to establish an animal police team.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)051**

**(Question Serial No. 1954)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out the overall expenditures of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) on the management of community animals over the past 5 years and in 2016-17. Please also provide an exhaustive breakdown of all the expenditures under the grand total (including those expenses on manpower, catching operations, medical care and medicines, euthanasia for the community animals, as well as all other relevant expenditures). What is the staff establishment (including civil servants and outsourced staff) in the 4 Animal Management Centres (AMCs) of the AFCD? What are the job details of the veterinary officers, field officers and frontline staff at the AMCs? What are the overall expenditures on salaries for these 3 types of posts respectively? Besides, please also set out the numbers of the various types of animals caught by the AFCD (with a breakdown by the channels through which they were received) and the numbers of the various types of animals reclaimed by the owners, rehomed and euthanised over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The expenditure of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) on the management of stray animals over the past 5 year and the estimated expenditure for 2016-17 are as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure on catching operations (\$ million)</b>	<b>Expenditure on handling of stray animals caught (including euthanasia cost) (\$ million)</b>	<b>Total Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	22.0	3.2	25.2

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure on catching operations (\$ million)</b>	<b>Expenditure on handling of stray animals caught (including euthanasia cost) (\$ million)</b>	<b>Total Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2012-13	25.6	3.6	29.2
2013-14	27.1	3.9	31.0
2014-15	28.9	3.6	32.5
2015-16 (revised estimate)	29.9	3.7	33.6
2016-17 (estimate)	29.9	3.7	33.6

AFCD does not have further breakdown of the above expenditure items.

Information on the existing staff establishment of the 4 Animal Management Centres (AMC) under AFCD, including civil servants and outsourced staff, is given below:

	<b>New Territories North AMC</b>	<b>New Territories South AMC</b>	<b>Kowloon AMC</b>	<b>Hong Kong AMC</b>
Veterinary Officer	1	1	1	1
Field Officers	12	9	14	10
Frontline staff	42	27	31	28
Outsourced cleansing staff	4	4	3	4
Total	59	41	49	43

Note: The 4 AMCs are overseen by 1 Senior Veterinary Officer.

The duties of the veterinary officers, field officers and frontline staff at the AMCs are given below:

<b>Area of work</b>	<b>Ranks</b>
To supervise the daily operation of the AMC and oversee enforcement of animal-related legislation	Veterinary Officer
To supervise the carrying out of investigation, inspection and enforcement actions taken under animal-related legislation	Field Officer
To carry out investigation, inspection and enforcement actions under animal-related legislation, including catching operations and licensing matters	Frontline staff

The estimated expenditure on the salaries of the above staff in 2015-16 is \$58 million.

Information on the number and species of stray animals caught, given up by owners, received through other channels by AFCD, and the number of animals reclaimed by the owners, re-homed and euthanised over the past 5 years is given at Annex.

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# Annex

Calendar Year	Stray Animals Caught			Animals Given Up by Owners			Animals Received through Other Channels			Animal Reclaimed			Animals Re-homed			Animals Euthanised		
	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*
2011	5 800	3 557	331	2 403	244	107	1 445	267	956	1 517	738	474	852	205	87	6 561	2 422	649
2012	4 722	3 027	260	2 009	248	85	1 131	98	1 276	1 292	707	348	666	145	89	5 675	1 950	1 160
2013	4 626	2 866	444	1 871	222	105	1 271	136	1 001	1 379	779	315	770	206	116	5 353	1 861	1 015
2014	3 676	1 836	1 374	1 464	132	28	809	78	656	1 235	576	253	679	212	75	3 868	1 039	1 594
2015	2 412	1 359	1 418	1 284	129	109	378	73	3 590	774	626	11	651	168	83	2 421	696	3 469

\* Including small mammals (rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas, guinea pigs and rats), reptile, pigs/cattle, poultry/birds, etc.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)052**

**(Question Serial No. 1955)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The amount of subventions for “animal welfare organisations” under the Operating Account is estimated to be \$500,000. Please set out the details of the applications received by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department from various animal welfare organisations since the inception of the scheme, including the names of the applicant organisations, the projects and amounts of subventions applied for, the application results (applications fully approved, partially approved or rejected) and the amounts of subventions granted, etc. What are the criteria for approving the applications? Has the Department conducted any review on the effectiveness of such subventions?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been collaborating with animal welfare organisations (AWOs) to enhance animal welfare and promote better animal management. Recognising that most AWOs are non-profit making with limited resources, the Government has been providing subvention to these AWOs in supporting their work as long as resources permit.

Since the inception of the subvention scheme in 2011, a total of 33 applications have been received by the AFCD from 10 AWOs. Interested AWOs may submit their applications together with details of their animal welfare initiatives, estimated budget, and the associated performance indicators under the proposed programme to AFCD for consideration. Details of the applications are listed in the Annex.



AFCD has been monitoring the implementation of the subvention scheme. Document review and audit inspections are conducted to monitor the implementation and assess the outcome of individual subvented programmes. Thus far, the results of all subvented programmes are found to be satisfactory.

**Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for in 2011-12 and released in 2012-13)<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Approved (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Released (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	To set up facilities and purchase equipment for a new adoption centre	288,000	78,000	57,868
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	To provide de-sexing service for owned dogs at Ap Lei Chau boatyard	300,000	60,000	0*
3	Lifelong Animal Protection	To set up an adoption and education resource centre	810,000	173,000	173,000
4	Society for Abandoned Animals	To operate a de-sexing programme for warehouse dogs	1,261,277	229,000	202,974
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,659,277</b>	<b>540,000</b>	<b>433,842</b>

\* No claims for reimbursement from the AWO concerned have been received.

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<sup>1</sup> AWOs may submit their application for subvention to AFCD during the period from 1 October to 30 November each year. After consideration by AFCD, approved funds will be issued in the next financial year on a reimbursement basis after acceptance of reports and presentation of proofs of expenditures incurred.

**Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for in 2012-2013 and released in 2013-14)**

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Approved (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Released (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	To operate an animal adoption centre	288,000	78,000	65,600
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	To build dog houses for the Tai Po Rehoming Centre	201,600 <sup>2</sup>	201,600	201,600
3	Lifelong Animal Protection	To set up an adoption and education resource centre	810,000	100,000	99,779
4	Society for Abandoned Animals (SAA)	To conduct an animal shelter renovation project	470,000	260,000	260,000
5	Hong Kong Rabbit Society	To produce annual reports and conduct various education programmes	550,000	51,000	45,872
6	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and SAA	To conduct a 2-year education programme on village dog management	300,000	300,000	12,000 (SPCA) 2,400 (SAA)
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,619,600</b>	<b>990,600</b>	<b>687,251</b>

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<sup>2</sup> The original amount applied for by the AWO concerned was \$199,480. The final cost of the dog houses purchased (\$201,600) exceeded the amount of subvention previously approved by AFCD due to inflation. AFCD approved the additional amount of \$2,120 when the AWO concerned sought reimbursement.

**Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for in 2013-14 and released in 2014-15)**

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Approved (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Released (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	To operate an animal adoption centre, and conduct animal rescue, education and publicity projects	190,000	90,000	84,339
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	To conduct an adult dog rehome scheme	224,000	150,000	150,000
3	Lifelong Animal Protection (LAP)	To operate the LAP Centre, organise workshops and revamp the Centre's website	1,184,000	120,000	120,000
4	Hong Kong Rabbit Society	To produce annual reports, purchase dietary supplement for rabbits and conduct publicity programmes	150,000	52,000	44,835
5	Hong Kong Rescue Puppies	To produce educational materials and purchase necessary medications and feeds for rescued animals	185,232	40,000	0*
6	Sai Kung Stray Friends	To operate the Sai Kung Animal Management Centre and carry out animal rehoming activities	223,000	35,000	35,000

7	SPCA and SAA	To continue their 2-year education programme on village dog management	Applied for in 2012-13	Approved in 2012-13	13,200 <sup>3</sup> (SPCA)
	Total		2,156,232	487,000	447,374

\* No claims for reimbursement from the AWO concerned have been received.

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<sup>3</sup> AFCD approved a joint application from SPCA and SAA for a 2-year education programme on village dog management in 2012-13. Upon receipt of claims from SPCA, AFCD released the remaining funding to them in 2014-15.

**Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for in 2014-15 and released in 2015-16)**

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Approved (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Released (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	To operate an adoption centre and conduct animal welfare projects	160,000	90,000	76,679
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	To conduct an adult dog rehome scheme	224,000	150,000	150,000
3	Lifelong Animal Protection	To purchase medications and feeds for rehoming animals and conduct publicity and education programmes	1,808,000	120,000	120,000
4	Hong Kong Rabbit Society	To conduct education programmes and provide medical treatment for rabbits	135,000	49,000	48,181
5	Hong Kong Rescue Puppies	To produce a publicity booklet entitled "Responsible Pet Ownership" and conduct a rehome scheme	185,232	40,000	0*
6	Sai Kung Stray Friends	To conduct various animal management programmes	227,000	45,000	45,000
7	Cheung Chau Animal Care	To conduct education, publicity, rescue and adoption programmes	80,000	30,000	30,000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,819,232</b>	<b>524,000</b>	<b>469,860</b>

\* No claims for reimbursement from the AWO concerned have been received.

**Subvention from AFCD to AWOs (applied for and approved in 2015-16)<sup>4</sup>**

	<b>AWOs</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Amount Sought (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Approved (\$)</b>
1	Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	To conduct adoption promotion programmes, produce educational materials and further improve the Foundation's website	180,000	80,000
2	Hong Kong Dog Rescue	To operate an adult dog rehome scheme	204,000	125,000
3	Lifelong Animal Protection	To provide medical treatment and food for rehoming animals	1,571,000	100,000
4	Society for Abandoned Animals	To conduct various education programmes	388,155	40,000
5	Hong Kong Rabbit Society	To produce educational materials and provide medical treatment for sick or injured rabbits	129,000	45,000
6	Sai Kung Stray Friends	To provide medical treatment and food for rehoming dogs	235,000	45,000
7	Cheung Chau Animal Care	To operate a rehome scheme and conduct education and publicity programmes	80,000	28,000
8	Hong Kong Cats	To conduct adoption promotion programmes, produce educational materials and further improve the organisation's website	54,000	24,000
9	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	To conduct an Animal Caring Ambassador Programme	200,000	45,000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>3,041,155</b>	<b>532,000</b>

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<sup>4</sup> The amount of subvention will be released in the financial year 2016 – 2017. The figures on the amount to be released for these programmes are not available yet.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)053**

**(Question Serial No. 1956)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the details and expenditure on the work related to the enforcement of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance over the past 5 years (including the types of animals involved in the cases, number of persons arrested, number of prosecutions instituted and details of the penalties, etc.)? Would the Government consider increasing the penalties under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance to enhance the deterrent effect?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) is one of the departments involved in the enforcement of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) (the Ordinance). The on-going work carried out by AFCD in this respect includes (a) inspection of the relevant premises and facilities including pet shops, animal boarding premises, riding schools, animal exhibition venues, etc. to ensure compliance with the relevant animal welfare standards; (b) gathering intelligence on suspected animal cruelty or abuse activities and sharing the information on cases that require follow up with the relevant enforcement authorities; and (c) conducting investigation of animal cruelty reports/complaints and taking prosecution actions if there is sufficient evidence.

In 2011, AFCD, in conjunction with the Police, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), set up an inter-departmental special working group (WG) for forging closer cooperation and mutual support in handling animal cruelty cases. The WG meets regularly to discuss the handling of individual cases, formulate guidelines for improving efficiency in the detection and prevention of animal cruelty cases, and review the guidelines from time to time. Over the past 5 years, members of the WG have worked closely with and rendered mutual support to



each other in handling animal cruelty cases. In addition, the WG has also been organising training courses for relevant government officers to facilitate continuous enhancement of their understanding of animal welfare issues and skills for handling animal cruelty cases. It keeps in view the level of penalty handed down by the court for the purpose of considering whether a review of the relevant regulations is necessary.

Furthermore, AFCD has been actively involved in the “Animal Watch Scheme” launched by the Police since 2011 to strengthen co-operation among the Police, AFCD, SPCA and other stakeholders in the investigation of cases involving cruelty to animals. Specifically, AFCD provides expert veterinary advice necessary for the investigation and carries out post-mortem examination to find out the cause of death including whether the animals have been cruelly treated.

The expenditure involved in the above-mentioned work over the past 5 years is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	1.7
2012-13	2.1
2013-14	1.7
2014-15	2.0
2015-16 (revised estimate)	2.8

Details of successful prosecution cases handled by AFCD under the Ordinance over the past 5 years are as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Type of Animal Involved</b>	<b>Number of Successful Prosecution Cases</b>	<b>Number of Persons Convicted</b>	<b>Heaviest Penalties Imposed</b>	
				<b>Fine</b>	<b>Imprisonment</b>
2011	Reptile	5	5	\$4,000	Not applicable
2012	Birds and reptiles	5	5	\$4,000	6 weeks
2013	Birds and reptiles	2	2	\$500	3 months
2014	Reptiles	3	3	\$20,000	2 months
2015	Not applicable	0	0	Not applicable	Not applicable

The penalty level under the Ordinance was last revised in 2006 and raised, by a significant margin, from a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for 6 months, to a fine of \$200,000 and imprisonment for 3 years. The sentences handed by the court in convicted cases under the Ordinance are generally higher than those handed down before the amendments to the Ordinance. The heaviest sentence handed down so far is imprisonment for 16 months.

For the time being, the Government has no plan to review the penalty level under the Ordinance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)054****(Question Serial No. 1962)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

What was the Department's expenditure on animal traps, as well as the types and numbers of animals caught with animal traps, over the past five years? What are the types and number of animal traps kept by the Department? What is the Department's estimated expenditure on animal traps in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 12)Reply:

The types and number of animals caught with animal traps by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) over the past 5 years are as follows:

Calendar Year	Types of animals caught with animal traps			
	Dogs	Cats	Pigeons	Wild monkeys
2011	1 049	2 469	128	996
2012	734	2 439	69	1 073
2013	787	2 264	139	784
2014	505	1 406	238	558
2015	301	1 009	473	468

The expenditure involved in purchasing and maintaining animal traps is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12	0.38
2012-13	0.38
2013-14	0.12
2014-15	0.32

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2015-16 (revised estimate)	0.05
2016-17 (estimate)	0.28

At present, AFCD has a total of 234 cage traps for catching dogs and cats, 56 snares for catching dogs, 45 cage traps for catching feral pigeons, 14 snares and 44 cage traps for catching wild monkeys.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)055**

**(Question Serial No. 1963)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the expenditures on the control of imports of animal skin and fur products and the details over the past 5 years? What is the frequency of carrying out inspections and quarantine operations at various boundary control points and the Hong Kong International Airport? Please also set out the prosecution details, including types, places of origin, composition/species of animals involved, reasons for contravening the ordinance(s), quantities imported of the products, the penalties, etc. on the prosecutions taken against the import of animal skin and fur products in contravention of the Rabies Regulation (the Regulation), the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (the Ordinance) or other ordinances over the past 5 years. Would the Department consider stepping up the monitoring on trading in respect of animal skin and fur products, such as introduction of certification scheme for identifying places of origin of skin and fur products, requiring that all skin and fur products imported and for trading in the market must bear labels indicating whether the skin and fur used are genuine (and the types of animals) or counterfeit? Would the Department consider imposing heavier penalties on the Regulation, the Ordinance and other relevant ordinances with a view to further enhancing the deterrent effect on the illegal import of animal skin and fur products into Hong Kong and trading in the market?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

Imports of animal skin and fur products are mainly regulated for the prevention and control of rabies and protection of scheduled species through enforcing the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421A) (the Regulation) and the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) (the Ordinance). Offenders found guilty of breaching the Regulation are liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and to imprisonment for 1 year. Offenders found guilty of breaching the Ordinance are liable to a maximum fine of \$5,000,000 and to

imprisonment for 2 years. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been carrying out inspection and quarantine operations at various boundary control points as well as the Hong Kong International Airport to deter illegal imports of animal products controlled under the Regulation and the Ordinance. In order to enhance deterrence against the smuggling of scheduled species under the Ordinance, including animal skin and fur products, AFCD is working with the Department of Justice on how to establish before the courts that the offence is committed for commercial purposes so that higher penalties could be imposed. AFCD is also reviewing the maximum penalties under the Ordinance to reflect the seriousness of such offences. Currently, AFCD has no plan to introduce a trade certification/labelling scheme for animal skin and fur products.

The expenditure spent on controlling the import of live animals and animal products under the Regulation and the Ordinance over the past 5 years is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	12.4
2012-13	12.6
2013-14	14.4
2014-15	16.3
2015-16 (revised estimate)	18.3

The number of inspections/operations with regard to animal skin/fur products under the Regulation and the Ordinance by AFCD at various boundary control points and the Hong Kong International Airport over the past 5 years is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of inspections/operations</b>
2011	91 423
2012	100 887
2013	101 922
2014	84 557
2015	68 845

There was no prosecution case under the Regulation over the past 5 years involving illegal imports of animal skin and fur products. The statistics on conviction cases involving illegal imports of animal skins and furs of scheduled species under the Ordinance over the past 5 years (2011-2015) are set out below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Confiscated item</b>	<b>Quantity involved</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Last exporting place</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
2011	Crocodile watchstrap	1 piece	Crocodylia species	Singapore	A fine of \$2,000
	Crocodile watchstrap	5 pieces	Crocodylia species	Mainland China	2 defendants, each fined \$2,000
	Crocodile watchstrap	1 piece	Crocodylia species	Mainland China	A fine of \$3,000
	Crocodile skin	60 pieces	Crocodylia species	United States	A fine of \$4,000

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Confiscated item</b>	<b>Quantity involved</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Last exporting place</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
	Crocodile watchstrap	38 pieces	Crocodylia species	Mainland China	A fine of \$4,000
2013	Crocodile watchstrap	2 pieces	Crocodylia species	Switzerland	A fine of \$3,500
2014	Cheetah skin	1 piece	Acinonyx jubatus	Namibia	*A fine of \$60,000

\* The confiscated items of the case also included 1.767 kg of worked ivory and 2 pieces of rhino horn.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)056**

**(Question Serial No. 2004)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets  
(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme implemented by the Government last year, please provide information on:

- (a) the details of expenditure on implementing the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme, including the departmental manpower and expenditure involved; the number of applications for agricultural land rehabilitation, participating land owners, cases of successful matching, as well as the area of land involved in each case;
- (b) the number of new applicants for agricultural land rehabilitation, the cumulative number of applicants on the waiting list and the area of land involved;
- (c) the number of cases of successful matching, the details of area of land and rentals involved in each case as well as the average and the longest waiting time; and
- (d) whether the Government puts in place any measures to increase the chance of successful matching and reduce the waiting time for agricultural land rehabilitation.

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

- (a) - (c) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) operates the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS) through bringing owners of farmland and interested farmers together to work out a rental agreement for leasing out the farmland. The manpower and expenditure involved in operating the ALRS and the relevant statistics on the cases handled in 2015 are tabulated below:



Issues	2015
Manpower	1
Expenditure (\$ million)	0.9
Number of landowners participating in the ALRS	23
Number of new applications / land area involved (hectare)	45 / 8.0
Number of successful cases	41
Farmlands successfully leased out (hectare)	5.4
Farm sizes for successful cases (measured by “dau chung” *). The average size is given in bracket.	0.4 to 5.5 (2.0)
Rental per year for successful cases	\$800 to \$10,400 per dau chung
Longest waiting time for successful cases (year) / average waiting time (year)	11 / 5
Cumulative number of applicants on the waiting list / land area involved (hectare)	287 / 70.6

\* 1 dau chung is equivalent to 7 260 square feet

- (d) Agricultural land in Hong Kong is mainly in private hands. It is up to the landowners to decide whether to lease out their land for farming. In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to liaise with landowners for leasing out fallow farmland, and provide farmers with technical advice and services to return fallow land to active farming. In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP). Among the supportive measures proposed under the NAP, the Government will commission a consultancy study to explore the feasibility and merits of identifying and designating “Agricultural Priority Areas” in order to incentivise their use for long-term agricultural purposes. In addition, the Government will establish a \$500 million Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund, under which non-governmental organisations or farming organisations may seek funding support for implementing projects aimed at promoting agricultural rehabilitation of fallow agricultural land. We believe these measures would help encourage landowners to lease out their farmland for farming uses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)057****(Question Serial No. 2596)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (609) Minor irrigation works in the New Territories (block vote)Programme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

The Government's estimate for the minor irrigation works in the New Territories (block vote) in 2016-17 significantly increases nearly threefold compared with that of last year; what are the projects, expenditures and estimated dates of completion regarding the irrigation works? Please tabulate by administrative district.

Asked by: Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (Member Question No. 54)Reply:

The estimate for the minor irrigation works in the New Territories (NT) (block vote) under the purview of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for 2016-17 covers the following projects:

District	Project	Expenditure (\$)	Estimated completion date
Various locations in the NT	Minor works to be conducted on a need basis during 2016-17 for: (a) provision of temporary water pumping services for irrigation; and (b) repair and maintenance of the existing irrigation facilities	1,040,000	Within 2016-17
Lantau	Minor works project to repair the aged irrigation pipeline at Pak Ngan Heung	1,530,000	December 2016
Lantau	Minor works project to repair the aged irrigation pipeline at Sham Wat	1,350,000	December 2016

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)058**

**(Question Serial No. 2542)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) Please list out the actual, revised and estimated numbers of animal traps set up in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively.
- (b) Please list out the numbers and types of animals that were injured, that needed to be amputated and that needed to be euthanised in the end as a result of the setting up of animal traps by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.
- (c) Regarding illegal animal traps, please list out the numbers of inspections carried out, the numbers of illegal animal traps removed, and the actual and revised expenditures in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively as well as the estimated expenditure in 2016-17.
- (d) Regarding the prevention of the felling of Incense Tree, please list out the numbers of inspections carried out, the actual and revised expenditures in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively as well as the estimated expenditure in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

- (a) In general, upon receipt of complaints or reports from members of the public regarding nuisance caused by stray animals (mostly dogs and cats) and pigeons, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will conduct inspections and arrange catching operations using suitable methods, such as deploying animal traps. These traps will be retrieved immediately upon completion of the catching operation. Since all traps deployed will depend on operational needs, there is no estimated number of

animal traps to be deployed for 2016-17. AFCD does not keep any record on the number of animals traps deployed for catching stray animals.

Regarding wild monkey, the number of animal traps deployed in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of Animal Traps Deployed</b>
2014-15	46
2015-16 (revised estimate)	47
2016-17 (estimate)	49

- (b) There has been no report of animals caught with animal traps set up by AFCD having sustained trap-induced injury that required intensive veterinary attention or that led to subsequent amputation or euthanasia.
- (c) Information on the number of enforcement operations/patrols arranged and the number of illegal traps seized in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is given below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of Operations/ Patrols Arranged</b>	<b>Number of Traps Seized</b>
2014-15	784	455
2015-16	668	357

The expenditure involved in the enforcement against illegal traps is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2014-15	2.1
2015-16 (revised estimate)	2.2
2016-17 (estimate)	2.2

- (d) AFCD has been conducting regular patrols in country parks to deter irregularities including the illegal felling of incense trees. Apart from stepping up patrols at black spots within country parks and special areas, AFCD also conducts joint operations with the Police from time to time. As these activities form part of the daily work of AFCD, there is no separate breakdown on the expenditure involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)059**

**(Question Serial No. 2543)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) Regarding the Animal Watch Scheme in collaboration with the Hong Kong Police Force and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to fight against cruelty to animals through a four-pronged approach of education, publicity, intelligence gathering and investigation, what are the staff establishments of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in these 4 areas of work in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively? What are the actual, revised and estimated expenditures in these 4 areas of work in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively?
- (b) Regarding the creation of new posts in 2016-17, please set out the post titles and job natures of the 19 newly created posts.
- (c) Regarding the expenditure on plant, vehicles and equipment in 2016-17, please set out the names of, uses of and amount approved for those new plant, vehicles and equipment in relation to the work concerning animals.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

- (a) In 2011, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), in conjunction with the Police, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), set up an inter-departmental special working group (WG) for forging close cooperation and mutual support in handling animal cruelty cases. The WG meets regularly to discuss the handling of individual cases, formulate guidelines for improving efficiency in the detection and prevention of animal cruelty cases, and reviewing the guidelines from time to time. Meanwhile, the WG has been organising training courses for building up better understanding of animal welfare issues and skills for handling animal cruelty cases.

It keeps in view the level of penalty handed down by the court for the purpose of considering whether a review of the relevant regulations is necessary.

Furthermore, AFCD has been actively involved in the “Animal Watch Scheme” (the Scheme) launched by the Police since 2011 to strengthen co-operation among the Police, AFCD, SPCA and other stakeholders in the investigation of cases involving cruelty to animals. Specifically, AFCD provides expert veterinary advice necessary for the investigation of animal cruelty cases and carries out post-mortem examination to find out the cause of death including whether the animals have been cruelly treated.

The work of the working group and the Scheme form part of AFCD’s on-going efforts in combating cruelty to animals and promoting animal welfare. AFCD has made use of existing resources to carry out the work arising from the working group and the Scheme. There is no separate breakdown on the staff establishment and expenditure for education, publicity, intelligence gathering and investigation.

- (b) The area of work and ranks of the 19 newly created posts under Programme (3) are as follows:

<b>Area of Work</b>	<b>Ranks</b>	<b>Number of Post</b>
To enhance enforcement of fisheries-related legislation	Fisheries Supervisor I	1
	Fisheries Supervisor II	1
To strengthen the testing services for equine infectious diseases	Veterinary Officer	1
	Veterinary Technologist	2
	Veterinary Laboratory Technician I	2
To enhance animal welfare and animal management services	Field Officer II	12
Total:		19

- (c) The new plant, vehicles and equipment in relation to the work concerning animals under Subhead 661 in 2016-17 are as follows:

<b>Items</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Procurement of laboratory equipment for the provision of testing services for equine infectious diseases in the Tai Lung Veterinary Laboratory	2.4
Procurement of clinical and surgical equipment for veterinary use in the four Animal Management Centres	0.9
Procurement of dog kennel, veterinary inspection room and office for the Quarantine Detector Dog Team	0.9
Total:	4.2

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)060**

**(Question Serial No. 1194)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (603) Plant, vehicles and equipment

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the procurement of one patrol vessel in Item 811 under Subhead 603, please advise on the following:

- (a) The justifications for increasing the commitment by nearly 40%.
- (b) The item was approved in 2013-14, why has the procurement work not yet commenced?
- (c) Is additional commitment required due to the delay in the procurement work?
- (d) The estimated expenditure in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The procurement of all government vessels is centrally arranged by the Marine Department (MD). In the past few years, there has been a surge in the demand for new government vessels coming from different departments mainly because a significant number of government vessels are approaching the end of their normal service life and require replacement. At the same time, MD considered it necessary to review and update the government vessel procurement procedures before initiating any new procurement exercises. Under the circumstance, the procurement of the patrol vessel required by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department had not commenced as originally planned.

The original commitment of \$10 million for the procurement of the patrol vessel was approved in 2013-14. Since then, there has been a significant increase in the cost of labour, materials and insurance, etc. in the shipbuilding industry. Taking into account the latest market information and tender prices of vessels of similar size and type, there is a need to increase the commitment to \$13.95 million for the procurement of the patrol vessel.

Payment will be made by instalments in tandem with the progress in the manufacture of the vessel, with the amount and schedule of payment effected in accordance with the terms of the tender contract which has yet to be awarded.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)061****(Question Serial No. 1354)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under Programme (3) that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department is responsible for enforcement of regulations pertaining to animal welfare. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please list the numbers of animals received by the Animal Management Centre (AMC) by sources of animals over the past 3 years in the table below.

Cat

	Handed over to AMC	Caught	Seized during inspection/enforcement action	Other sources
2013				
2014				
2015				

Dog

	Handed over to AMC	Caught	Seized during inspection/enforcement action	Other sources
2013				
2014				
2015				

Other animals

	Handed over to AMC	Caught	Seized during inspection/enforcement action	Other sources
2013				

2014				
2015				

- (b) What are the manpower and expenditure involved in handling abandoned animals in 2016-17?
- (c) What were the numbers of prosecutions regarding abandoned animals over the past 3 years?
- (d) What are the manpower and expenditure involved in handling stray cattle in 2016-17?
- (e) What is the progress of sterilising cattle with the use of a contraceptive drug?
- (f) Will the Department implement any new programme or measures regarding handling of stray cattle in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the numbers of animals that the Animal Management Centres received over the past 3 years, broken down by source, is provided in the table below.

#### Cats

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Stray cats caught</b>	<b>Cats given up by owners</b>	<b>Seized during inspection/enforcement action</b>	<b>Cats received through other channels</b>
2013	2 866	222	31	105
2014	1 836	132	4	74
2015	1 359	129	2	71

#### Dogs

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Stray dogs caught</b>	<b>Dogs given up by owners</b>	<b>Seized during inspection/enforcement action</b>	<b>Dogs received through other channels</b>
2013	4 626	1 871	129	1 142
2014	3 676	1 464	114	695
2015	2 412	1 284	27	351

#### Other animals

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Stray animals caught</b>	<b>Animals given up by owners</b>	<b>Seized during inspection/enforcement action</b>	<b>Animals received through other channels</b>
2013	444	105	1 001	0
2014	1 374	28	656	0
2015	1 418	109	3 590	0

- (b) The Agriculture Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been taking appropriate measures on the management of stray animals, including abandoned animals. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in handling abandoned animals.
- (c) The number of prosecutions regarding abandoned animals over the past 3 years is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of prosecutions</b>	<b>Fine</b>
2013	1	\$500
2014	0	Not Applicable
2015	0	Not Applicable

- (d) In 2016-17, \$3.2 million and 4 staff have been earmarked for the management of stray cattle.
- (e) AFCD has been studying the feasibility of sterilising cattle chemically with the use of a contraceptive drug called Gonacon. The study has been conducted in 2 phases. The first phase, involving the testing of the drug in captive cattle, was completed in 2014. The trial revealed that the vaccine had about 70% success rate in achieving contraception in cattle without any adverse reaction observed. In view of the positive results of the first phase, AFCD has conducted another phase since June 2015, which is a 15-month field trial involving testing of the drug in herds of free-roaming cattle and buffalo, with a view to assessing its feasibility and cost-effectiveness as an alternative to surgical sterilisation for reducing population growth. A total of 42 cattle and 14 buffalo have been injected with the drug. The results of the second phase trial are expected to be available in late 2016.
- (f) Under the multi-pronged approach adopted for managing stray cattle, continuous efforts are being made by AFCD to explore new and enhanced measures that will help minimise the nuisance caused by stray cattle while safeguarding animal welfare. Apart from implementing the “Capture-Sterilisation-Relocation” Programme for stray cattle, we will, as mentioned above, continue to study the feasibility of chemical sterilisation of cattle with the use of Gonacon, which, if proved feasible, will enable us to sterilise cattle even in remote areas and without the need for surgical operation. In addition, we will continue to liaise closely with the District Councils, rural committees, local communities of the districts concerned and animal welfare organisations to explore other measures, such as installing cattle grids to confine the stray cattle to a particular location or to prevent them from roaming into a certain area.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)062**

**(Question Serial No. 3216)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding animal welfare, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The respective numbers of suspected animal abuse cases reported, as well as prosecutions instituted, in each of the 18 districts over the past 3 years.
- (b) The measures taken to prevent and combat cruelty to animals, as well as the expenditure involved, over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Police are responsible for the enforcement of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) (the Ordinance). The total number of suspected animal cruelty complaints received and the number of prosecution cases handled by AFCD and the Police over the past 3 years is set out below. There is no breakdown by district.

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of suspected animal cruelty complaints received</b>	<b>Number of prosecution cases</b>
2013	242	20
2014	237	29
2015	236	10*

\* Figure up to 30 September 2015.

- (b) The expenditure incurred by AFCD in the prevention of animal cruelty and enforcement of the Ordinance over the past 3 years is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2013-14	1.7
2014-15	2.0
2015-16 (revised estimate)	2.8

For the Police, the expenditure incurred in enforcing the Ordinance is absorbed within their existing resources. There is no separate breakdown.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)063**

**(Question Serial No. 0238)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) Please set out the numbers, sizes and distribution of pig farms and chicken farms currently in operation, as well as the licensed rearing capacity of each farm.
- (b) Please set out the numbers, sizes and distribution of crop farms and marine fish culture farms currently in operation.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

- (a) As of 31 December 2015, the number of licensed pig farms and chicken farms is 43 and 29 respectively. The licensed area, licensed rearing capacity and distribution of these farms are shown in the attached tables.
- (b) According to the latest available data, there are about 2 330 crop farms (including vegetables, field crops, flowers and fruit trees cultivation) with a total cultivated area of about 685 hectares. These farms are mainly located in the Yuen Long District and North District. As regards the marine fish culture farms, there are 969 licensed farms covering a total sea area of 286 868 m<sup>2</sup>. They are distributed in the 26 designated Fish Culture Zones<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The 26 Fish Culture Zones are located at Sha Tau Kok, Ap Chau, Kat O, O Pui Tong, Sai Lau Kong, Wong Wan, Tap Mun, Kau Lau Wan, Sham Wan, Lo Fu Wat, Yung Shue Au, Leung Shuen Wan, Tiu Cham Wan, Tai Tau Chau, Kai Lung Wan, Kau Sai, Ma Nam Wat, Po Toi O, Po Toi, Sok Ku Wan, Lo Tik Wan, Ma Wan, Yim Tin Tsai, Cheung Sha Wan, Yim Tin Tsai (East) and Tung Lung Chau.

**Area, rearing capacity and distribution of licensed livestock farms (as at 31.12.2015)**

**Pig Farm**

	<b>Licensed Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Licensed Capacity (Nos.)</b>	<b>District</b>
1	691.19	500	North
2	1 611.16	950	North
3	2 407.85	2 000	North
4	4 953.09	4 000	North
5	557.91	800	North
6	1 280.91	600	North
7	4 248.04	3 000	Yuen Long
8	388.79	350	Sai Kung
9	706.90	1 000	Yuen Long
10	1 142.90	600	Yuen Long
11	5 085.70	1 500	Yuen Long
12	3 130.14	1 500	Yuen Long
13	938.49	850	Yuen Long
14	1 864.27	600	Yuen Long
15	3 015.53	2 000	Yuen Long
16	3 914.32	3 000	Yuen Long
17	2 640.33	2 600	Yuen Long
18	3 965.31	2 000	Yuen Long
19	2 146.27	1 600	Yuen Long
20	384.65	300	Yuen Long
21	2 220.09	1 000	Yuen Long
22	1 725.58	1 900	Yuen Long
23	838.59	1 500	Yuen Long
24	1 709.24	1 500	Yuen Long

	<b>Licensed Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Licensed Capacity (Nos.)</b>	<b>District</b>
25	1 612.44	1 000	Yuen Long
26	2 960.03	3 500	Yuen Long
27	1 327.53	1 000	Yuen Long
28	2 614.85	2 000	Yuen Long
29	3 699.22	1 800	Yuen Long
30	6 345.66	6 000	Yuen Long
31	4 524.78	2 600	Yuen Long
32	3 955.47	2 500	Yuen Long
33	1 374.87	1 200	Yuen Long
34	1 239.02	1 500	North
35	2 860.03	1 500	Yuen Long
36	556.96	250	North
37	1 392.30	1 990	Yuen Long
38	626.82	450	Yuen Long
39	1 923.26	1 500	Yuen Long
40	7 108.62	4 000	Yuen Long
41	4 106.13	3 000	Yuen Long
42	3 205.77	2 000	Yuen Long
43	1 180.97	1 200	Yuen Long
<b>Total:</b>	<b>104 181.98</b>	<b>74 640</b>	

**Chicken Farm**

	<b>Licensed Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Licensed Capacity (Nos.)</b>	<b>District</b>
1	433.41	10 000	Tuen Mun
2	708.10	18 000	North
3	2 597.37	50 000	Yuen Long
4	387.23	10 000	Yuen Long
5	648.36	20 000	Yuen Long
6	723.86	19 900	Yuen Long
7	569.30	25 000	Yuen Long
8	682.16	19 000	Yuen Long
9	3 372.57	35 000	Yuen Long
10	775.26	20 000	Yuen Long
11	1 336.34	39 000	Yuen Long
12	2 004.75	41 000	Yuen Long
13	4 518.98	48 000	North
14	4 604.03	102 000	Yuen Long
15	3 226.20	108 000	Yuen Long
16	948.17	18 000	Yuen Long
17	3 163.24	70 000	Yuen Long
18	2 944.67	62 800	Yuen Long
19	1 757.95	38 500	North
20	1 642.53	46 000	Yuen Long
21	10 454.52	162 300	Yuen Long
22	4 831.83	80 000	Yuen Long
23	1 563.39	48 000	Yuen Long

	<b>Licensed Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Licensed Capacity (Nos.)</b>	<b>District</b>
24	1 137.70	48 000	Yuen Long
25	873.34	27 000	North
26	1 610.01	26 000	Yuen Long
27	1 655.73	36 000	Yuen Long
28	1 250.84	42 000	Yuen Long
29	1 067.54	31 000	Yuen Long
<b>Total:</b>	<b>61 489.38</b>	<b>1 300 500</b>	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)064**

**(Question Serial No. 0240)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the development of organic farming, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the Government's plan in terms of technical support, standard certification and sales promotion for organic farming in 2016-17? What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) Since the introduction of the Organic Farming Conversion Scheme in late 2000 up to now, what are the number, distribution, farming area, production quantity and value of local organic farms? What is the percentage in the total number of farms?
- (c) In view of the great variety of organic food labels found in the market, consumers can hardly verify the authenticity of food products claimed to be organic. Has the Government examined the introduction of specific legislation to regulate the production, certification and labelling of organic food so as to safeguard the interest of consumers?
- (d) Given the large quantity of products claimed to be organic in the market in recent years, consumers can hardly distinguish between organic and non-organic products. What are the details of inspections conducted by the Government on organic products?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

- (a) In 2016-17, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will continue to promote organic farming and the marketing of local organic produce through technical assistance to local farmers under the Organic Farming Support

Service (OFSS) Scheme, joint efforts with the Vegetable Marketing Organization and the Federation of Vegetable Marketing Cooperative Societies in promoting the production and marketing of local organic produce, as well as giving support to the Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre (HKORC) for the promotion of organic education and certification. The manpower and estimated expenditure involved are 15 staff and about \$6.1 million.

- (b) As at February 2016, 273 farms with a total area of about 98.7 hectares participate in the OFSS Scheme operated by AFCD, producing about 6 tonnes of organic produce each day. The number of organic farms accounts for about 14% of all local vegetable farms. They are concentrated mostly in Ng Ka Tsuen, Tai Kong Po, Ping Che, Fanling, Pat Heung, Sheung Shui and Tai Po.
- (c) In 2011, the Food and Health Bureau commissioned a consultancy study on organic food to assess whether, and if so, how the production and sale of organic food in Hong Kong should be regulated. The study findings were reported to the Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Panel of the Legislative Council in February 2013. Noting the very small market size of the local organic food sector and the primary focus of the Government on food safety and stable food supply, the consultant considered that there was no pressing need to regulate the domestic production and sale of organic food.

The consultant recommended that efforts to raise public awareness about organic food should be stepped up. Existing administrative measures such as further promoting certification schemes, streamlining the certification procedures and promulgating a reporting mechanism of food fraud should also be strengthened. The Government shared the consultant's recommendations. AFCD has been implementing these recommendations with the support of the HKORC which, apart from providing organic certification service, also organises events to enhance public awareness.

- (d) As part of the efforts for promoting certification of organic produce, the HKORC conducts regular and surprise inspections to all certified operations. It also carries out regular surveys and inspections of retail outlets and wet markets, and will refer any suspected cases of sale of produce falsely described as organic produce to the Customs and Excise Department for follow up enforcement action under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)065****(Question Serial No. 0243)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Would the Government please provide the following information:

- (a) The respective number of reports received by the Department each year in 2013-14 to 2015-16 regarding the discovery of bird carcasses.
- (b) The respective number of bird carcasses collected by the Department and samples of such carcasses tested in 2013-14 to 2015-16, as well as the results of such tests.
- (c) It is noted that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has provided public service on collection of sick wild birds or wild bird carcasses. Does the Government have any plan to promote such service among building caretakers, school janitors and staff at elderly homes, who are likely to come into contact with wild bird carcasses, and to remind them to report to the AFCD on the discovery of such carcasses?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 10)Reply:

- (a) The number of reports received regarding the discovery of bird carcasses over the past 3 years is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of reports received</b>
2013	18 368
2014	13 619
2015	13 410

- (b) The number of bird carcasses collected and tested, and the test results, over the past 3 years are as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of bird carcasses collected</b>	<b>Number of bird carcasses tested</b>	<b>Number of carcasses tested positive for AI virus</b>
2013	15 218	8 766	1 (H5N1)
2014	11 204	6 834	0
2015	10 464	5 741	3 (H5N6)

- (c) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been publicising to the general public the service on collection of sick wild birds or wild bird carcasses. This is done through various channels, including broadcasting of Announcements of Public Interests on television and radio, dissemination of educational leaflets and posting the relevant information on AFCD's website.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)066****(Question Serial No. 0258)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the trawl ban in Hong Kong waters, please advise on the following:

- (a) What was the progress of enforcement against “illegal trawling” and its effectiveness over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (b) What were the expenditure and manpower involved in enforcement against “illegal trawling” over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (c) What were the number of patrol launches, patrol areas and number of patrols conducted against “illegal trawling” over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 25)Reply:

- (a) Since the implementation of the trawl ban in Hong Kong waters with effect from 31 December 2012, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been combating illegal fishing activities (including trawling) through regular and targeted patrols in the waters of Hong Kong, collection of intelligence from various sources, and joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force from time to time. The number of successful prosecutions against trawling in 2013, 2014 and 2015 is 13, 11 and 3 respectively.
- (b) The expenditure and manpower involved in enforcement against illegal fishing activities (including trawling) over the past 3 years are:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of staff
2013-14	6.4	9

2014-15	12.6	18
2015-16 (revised estimate)	13.3	18

- (c) From 2013 to 2015, AFCD deployed 3 vessels to patrol in the waters of Hong Kong against illegal fishing activities (including trawling), focusing on areas in which intelligence suggested the occurrence of such illegal activities from time to time. The number of patrols conducted by AFCD in 2013, 2014 and 2015 is about 1 300, 1 400 and 1 440 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)067**

**(Question Serial No. 0259)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industries, please advise on the following:

- (a) What were the details, expenditure and manpower involved in promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industries (e.g. the development of eco-tourism, leisure fisheries industries, fisheries industries employing innovative technology and other sustainable fisheries) over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (b) What are the details, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the planning and implementation of activities and services for promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industries in 2016-17?
- (c) What were the expenditure and manpower involved in the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

- (a) Over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry through (i) implementing a suite of fisheries management and enhancement measures to help conserve and restore depleted marine resources; (ii) assisting fishermen to switch to sustainable fisheries operations and helping fish farmers to develop sustainable aquaculture through technical support services and credit facilities, including offering free training on sustainable fisheries and fisheries-related operations, implementing a fish hatchery scheme, and providing loans

to fishermen and fish farmers; (iii) promoting good aquaculture practices and monitoring of aquaculture environment and fish health management; and (iv) administering the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) to help fishermen adopt a sustainable and high value-added operation mode and subsidise projects and research so as to enhance the overall competitiveness of the industry.

The manpower and expenditure involved in promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry over the past 3 years are as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Manpower (Number of Staff)</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	90	138.4 <sup>#</sup>
<b>2014-15</b>	96	84.6 <sup>#</sup>
<b>2015-16 (revised estimate)</b>	92	85.7 <sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup> Including the actual expenditure of \$80.7 million in 2013-14, \$22.2 million in 2014-15 and the estimated expenditure of \$14.1 million in 2015-16 for the one-off assistance package for fishermen affected by the trawl ban.

- (b) AFCD has been providing various services to support the local agricultural industry, including (i) promoting organic farming; (ii) developing new farming techniques to raise productivity; (iii) introducing new and improved crop varieties for local cultivation; (iv) assisting in setting up farmers' markets to help farmers reach out to customers and organising the annual FarmFest to showcase local agricultural and fishery production; and (v) administering three funds to provide loans to farmers as development and/or working capital. In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to keep up these efforts in supporting the local agricultural industry. A total of 74 staff and \$34.8 million have been earmarked for the above work in 2016-17.

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP). Major initiatives include establishing an Agricultural Park, exploring the feasibility of designating agricultural priority areas, setting up a \$500 million Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund, providing better support and assistance to help farmers move up the value chain, and developing leisure and educational activities related to agriculture. Apart from the existing resources for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million have been earmarked in 2016-17 for implementing the NAP.

Regarding the fisheries industry, AFCD will continue with the various support measures mentioned in (a) above. We have earmarked a total of 102 staff and \$100.3 million (including around \$10 million for the one-off assistance package for fishermen affected by the trawl ban and \$25 million for the SFDF) in 2016-17 for keeping up the work of promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry.



- (c) The expenditure and manpower involved in the administration of the SFDF over the past 3 years are as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Manpower (Number of Staff)</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	1	0.4
<b>2014-15</b>	2	0.9
<b>2015-16 (revised estimate)</b>	3	9.1 <sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup> Including grants disbursed by instalments totaling \$8 million to approved projects.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)068**

**(Question Serial No. 0260)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets,  
(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding technical support on aquaculture, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How were the technological development studies conducted and support provided (e.g. culture trials of fish, promotion of pellet feeds, etc.) for aquaculture fisheries (including mariculture and pond fish farming) over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)? What was the respective expenditure involved?
- (b) What are the details of the project, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in conducting technological development studies and providing support for aquaculture fisheries (including mariculture and pond fish farming) in 2016-17?
- (c) What were the details of the technology and support provided for oyster culture over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)? What were the respective expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) conducts technological development studies and provides technical support for the local aquaculture industry to enhance its productivity and sustainability. Over the past 3 years, AFCD has been (i) promoting good aquaculture practices to enhance fish farm management and implementing a fish health management programme to help fish farmers prevent, diagnose and contain fish diseases to minimise loss; (ii) identifying suitable new culture species with good market potential (Jade Perch being one such example), promoting the culture of Jade Perch by organising training workshops and providing technical support to local fish farmers in hatching and rearing of Jade Perch

fries; (iii) implementing the Accredited Fish Farm Scheme to enhance the competitiveness of the local aquaculture industry (with the participation of 119 fish farms so far); and (iv) conducting adaptive studies and a fish hatchery scheme to improve fish fry production and rearing techniques. The expenditure involved is set out below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>				
	<b>Good aquaculture practice and fish health management</b>	<b>New culture species</b>	<b>Accredited Fish Farm Scheme</b>	<b>Adaptive studies and fish hatchery scheme</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	5.6	2.5	3.3	5.7	17.1
<b>2014-15</b>	5.3	3.9	3.2	9.0	21.4
<b>2015-16 (revised estimate)</b>	5.6	3.8	3.4	8.8	21.6

- (b) In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to support the local aquaculture industry through the measures described in (a) above. In addition, AFCD will continue with the process of expanding an existing marine fish culture zone and the designation of new marine fish culture zones for the sustainable development of the aquaculture industry. Efforts will be made to further promote the application of advanced technology for fish farming including fish hatchery and nursery. The provision earmarked for conducting technological development studies and providing support to the aquaculture industry in 2016-17 is \$19.4 million, with 22 staff involved in this area of work.
- (c) AFCD promotes good aquaculture practices and provides technical support to enhance the productivity of oyster farming. We have strengthened this area of work in 2015-16. For example, we have set up facilities in our Ta Kwu Ling Operation Centre for conducting feasibility studies aimed at enhancing the food safety of locally cultured oysters through depuration. The expenditure and manpower involved in providing support to oyster culture over the past 3 years are as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Manpower (Number of staff)</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	0.5	1
<b>2014-15</b>	0.6	2
<b>2015-16 (revised estimate)</b>	0.7	2

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)069**

**(Question Serial No. 0261)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the wholesaling of fish, please advise on the following:

- (a) What were the annual total and daily average wholesale quantity, as well as the highest and lowest figures thereof for different kinds of marine fish (including Golden thread, Horse-heads, Yellow croakers, Big-eyes, Scads, Breams, Hair-tails, Mackerels, Croakers, Filefish, etc.) and freshwater fish (including Grass carp, Big head, Mud carp, etc.) over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (b) What were the monthly average, the highest and lowest prices for different kinds of marine fish (including Golden thread, Horse-heads, Yellow croakers, Big-eyes, Scads, Breams, Hair-tails, Mackerels, Croakers, Filefish, etc.) and freshwater fish (including Grass carp, Big head, Mud carp, etc.) over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the quantity of freshwater fish traded through the government wholesale food markets over the past 3 years is shown below. We do not have breakdown on the figures for different kinds of freshwater fish.

Calendar Year	Total quantity (tonnes)	Daily average quantity (tonnes)	Highest daily quantity (tonnes)	Lowest daily quantity (tonnes)
2013	51 625	141	198	31
2014	53 406	146	209	60
2015	55 473	152	215	12

Information on the wholesale quantity of marine fish traded over the past 3 years (2013 to 2015) is shown in Annex A.

- (b) Information on the monthly value of freshwater fish traded through the government wholesale food markets over the past 3 years is shown below. We do not have breakdown on the figures for different kinds of freshwater fish.

Calendar Year	Monthly average wholesale value (\$/tonne)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013	24 275	23 686^	24 447	24 466	24 188	24 834	24 908	24 824	25 246	25 549*	25 042	24 962
2014	24 414^	24 947	25 155	26 175	26 307	26 735	26 740	26 988	26 713	27 064*	26 355	26 464
2015	26 065	25 621^	26 310	26 484	26 645	26 638	27 039	27 363	27 811	28 243*	27 674	27 433

\* Highest monthly average value in the respective calendar year

^ Lowest monthly average value in the respective calendar year

The monthly average wholesale prices of marine fish over the past 3 years (2013 to 2015) are set out in Annex B.

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## Wholesale quantity of marine fish over the past 3 years (2013 to 2015)

Calendar Year	Fish	Total quantity (tonnes)	Daily average quantity (tonnes)	Highest daily quantity (tonnes)	Lowest daily quantity (tonnes)
2013	Golden thread (紅衫)	3971.9	10.9	12.7	7.1
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	3854.9	10.6	12.5	7.3
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	1855.0	5.1	5.8	3.9
	Big-eyes (木棉)	4050.0	11.1	13.6	7.1
	Scads (池魚)	1637.9	4.5	7.2	2.4
	Breams (立魚)	2130.0	5.8	6.9	4.5
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	1289.5	3.5	4.7	2.4
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	1281.8	3.5	4.4	2.3
	Croakers (或魚)	785.8	2.2	2.7	1.1
2014	Golden thread (紅衫)	3003.8	8.2	11.8	5.5
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	2663.7	7.3	9.8	5.4
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	1922.6	5.3	5.8	4.0
	Big-eyes (木棉)	2975.6	8.2	9.8	5.3
	Scads (池魚)	1457.4	4.0	6.0	2.4
	Breams (立魚)	1998.8	5.5	6.3	3.6
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	1585.2	4.3	5.7	3.3
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	1454.3	4.0	5.5	3.1
	Croakers (或魚)	741.0	2.0	2.5	1.4
2015	Golden thread (紅衫)	2836.5	7.8	8.9	5.4
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	2506.2	6.9	7.9	5.1
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	2126.0	5.8	6.4	3.9
	Big-eyes (木棉)	2647.9	7.3	8.4	5.0
	Scads (池魚)	1442.1	4.0	5.5	1.9
	Breams (立魚)	2223.7	6.1	6.6	4.6
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	1508.6	4.1	5.1	2.4
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	1457.3	4.0	5.2	2.5
	Croakers (或魚)	750.9	2.1	2.8	0.8

- Data on Filefish (沙魮) are not readily available.

## Monthly average wholesale price of marine fish over the past 3 years (2013 to 2015)

Calendar Year	Fish	Monthly average wholesale price (\$/kg)											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013	Golden thread (紅衫)	48.33	49.02	49.54	45.59	42.16^	50.44	51.29	50.13	48.00	52.68	55.64*	55.25
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	41.39	43.12	42.19	39.31	39.10	42.26	43.35	40.67	38.62^	47.95*	45.68	41.02
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	77.23	73.67	69.60	72.35	60.65^	66.70	69.90	67.19	66.67	79.89*	79.55	79.59
	Big-eyes (木棉)	50.66	53.81	54.35	51.32	50.62^	56.31	61.30*	59.13	53.57	60.70	53.60	52.20
	Scads (池魚)	15.15	14.83	12.97	15.04	15.26	15.47	8.95^	15.75	14.19	14.47	14.62	16.97*
	Breams (立魚)	57.91	58.80	59.76	58.51	57.62	60.72	61.60	55.49	54.27^	59.93	61.73*	59.67
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	34.15	36.98	36.35	33.87^	35.86	38.89	39.00*	37.32	35.32	35.76	36.49	35.47
	Mackerels (鯧魚)	56.39	59.06*	57.63	53.01^	55.15	58.13	56.18	53.91	54.52	55.79	56.01	58.99
	Croakers (或魚)	21.08	19.67	19.08	19.80	18.34	24.72*	20.38	20.52	18.24^	19.90	19.63	20.98
2014	Golden thread (紅衫)	57.47	59.96	54.47	48.97^	49.83	54.39	56.29	52.56	49.76	51.01	54.46	63.26*
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	47.26	48.80*	41.32	39.43	38.72^	41.24	42.78	42.44	42.09	41.47	43.34	48.64
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	77.71	76.30	83.84*	80.79	75.87	71.13	71.38	70.15	63.21^	66.80	78.03	78.40
	Big-eyes (木棉)	56.45	57.90	56.26	54.14	57.21	58.15	59.25	52.56	47.26^	53.74	58.89	60.50*
	Scads (池魚)	17.87	20.23	17.80	17.94	17.83	20.92*	20.36	16.81	14.09^	14.74	16.31	18.96
	Breams (立魚)	63.28	73.25	73.80	74.43	77.22*	75.99	75.67	65.32	59.78^	69.81	69.87	72.22
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	35.43^	41.77	38.76	38.67	38.91	44.71	45.95*	42.98	39.77	38.49	37.53	36.57
	Mackerels (鯧魚)	59.46	65.81*	60.47	61.04	59.20	59.66	61.18	55.02	51.09^	57.20	58.71	61.72
	Croakers (或魚)	22.13	24.57*	20.12	19.61^	22.64	23.28	23.31	23.46	22.99	21.83	22.86	22.77
2015	Golden thread (紅衫)	68.91*	55.67	61.01	52.82	49.42^	61.11	62.70	59.96	55.48	59.72	66.52	63.77
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	50.41	45.68	50.73*	44.97	41.88^	45.09	45.14	43.19	45.15	43.39	46.55	50.02
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	81.43	89.04	75.68	80.27	92.50*	77.71	76.69	71.35^	79.00	79.56	89.14	86.95
	Big-eyes (木棉)	69.01	64.53	71.15*	62.16	60.05	63.96	66.45	64.62	58.52^	59.93	64.65	65.67
	Scads (池魚)	18.56	19.11	19.72	17.17	16.83	22.32	23.50*	17.28	15.53^	17.44	16.93	18.88
	Breams (立魚)	73.87	68.59	72.20	67.97	69.46	76.23	78.65*	69.70	64.46^	72.15	74.51	72.91
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	36.87	37.10	38.55	36.80	36.62^	45.21	47.21*	42.96	40.19	41.76	40.70	41.19
	Mackerels (鯧魚)	62.73	63.10	65.44	61.69	58.30^	66.12	70.13*	63.95	59.54	64.92	65.27	63.03
	Croakers (或魚)	22.44	22.59	24.35*	20.77	21.55	24.02	23.25	22.26	21.04	20.03^	20.43	22.07

- Data on Filefish (沙魮) are not readily available.

- \* Highest monthly average wholesale price in the respective calendar year.
- ^ Lowest monthly average wholesale price in the respective calendar year.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)070**

**(Question Serial No. 0269)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

On stepping up monitoring of aquaculture environment, please advise on the following:

- (a) The expenditure and manpower of the Government for monitoring water quality and red tides respectively over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16).
- (b) How will the Government improve the monitoring of water quality to prevent fish kills attributable to marine works, red tides or other factors?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the expenditure and manpower of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) involved in monitoring water quality and red tides over the past 3 years is given below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	Manpower (Number of Staff)
2013-14	8.2	10
2014-15	8.1	10
2015-16 (revised estimate)	7.9	10

- (b) AFCD will continue to enhance water quality monitoring in fish culture zones through the application of modern technology, such as real-time monitoring of water quality in fish culture zones and refinement of the territory-wide phytoplankton monitoring

programme, with a view to facilitating the early issue of warnings to fish farmers in the event of water quality deterioration or red tide outbreaks.

On the impact caused by marine works, the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) requires proponents of designated projects to assess the potential environmental impacts on sensitive receivers (including fish culture zones) and implement appropriate mitigation measures if such impacts are identified. The project proponents are also required to implement environmental monitoring and audit programme to monitor the water quality.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)071**

**(Question Serial No. 0270)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding epidemic prevention for the livestock keeping industry in Hong Kong, please advise on the following:

- (a) The latest progress of the epidemic prevention work, and the work plan, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in 2016-17.
- (b) The types of pig and bird vaccines introduced and the expenditure involved respectively over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16).
- (c) The total expenditure involved respectively in vaccinating pigs and birds over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16). What were the respective average costs? What were the respective numbers of pigs and birds vaccinated?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

- (a) In 2016-17, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will make continued efforts to prevent and control the outbreak of animal and zoonotic diseases in local chicken and pig farms through (i) conducting regular inspections of local farms to ensure that the farmers comply with the biosecurity, farm hygiene and other related requirements, including proper vaccination of poultry against avian influenza (AI), and taking enforcement action against non-compliant cases; (ii) providing technical advice and assistance to farmers on proper farm management, prevention and control of animal diseases; and (iii) organising education seminars on farm management and disease prevention for local farmers and their workers. The

estimated expenditure is \$31 million. A total of 46 staff will be involved in this area of work.

- (b) Over the past 3 years, AFCD did not introduce any new vaccine for use in local chicken or pig farms. The Re-6 H5N1 AI vaccine was introduced into Hong Kong for use in local chicken farms by the New Territories Chicken Breeders Association after its successful registration with the Department of Health in August 2012 with technical assistance from AFCD. The expenditure involved in the provision of technical assistance was absorbed in the comprehensive AI surveillance programme and cannot be separately quantified.
- (c) Apart from the mandatory AI vaccination programme for chickens in local farms, pig or chicken farmers may decide whether any other vaccines should be used for better protection of their farm animals against any particular disease. Commonly used vaccines that are registered in Hong Kong include those against porcine circovirus, Foot and Mouth Disease, Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome, etc. in pigs, and those against New Castle Disease, Infectious Tracheitis and Gumboro Disease, etc. in poultry. All the vaccines used in local farms are purchased by farmers at their own cost. AFCD does not have any information on the total expenditure and the average costs involved in vaccinating pigs and poultry, and the number of pigs and poultry vaccinated.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)072**

**(Question Serial No. 0271)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the provision of administrative and technical support to the operation of the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO), please advise on the following:

- (a) Over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16), what was the administrative and technical support provided for the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme and the Special Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme of the VMO? What were the expenditure and manpower involved?
- (b) Over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16), what were the expenditure and manpower involved in handling applications for the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme and the Special Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme? What were the respective numbers of applications? What were the respective numbers of approved and rejected cases? How long did the processing of an application take on average (from receipt of an application to notification of the result)?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department operates the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS) through bringing owners of farmland and interested farmers together to work out a rental agreement for leasing out the farmland. The manpower and expenditure involved in operating the ALRS and the relevant statistics on the cases handled over the past 3 years are tabulated below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Manpower</b>	1	1	1
<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	0.9	0.9	0.9
<b>Number of new applications received</b>	51	44	45
<b>Number of successful cases</b>	14	12	41
<b>Average waiting time for successful cases (year)</b>	4	5	5

The Special Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (SALRS) is a separate scheme put forward by the Government in relation to a number of land development projects. Under the SALRS, the Government will identify landowners who are willing to lease or sell their land which is suitable for agricultural re-site/rehabilitation, and priority assistance will be given to matching these landowners with farmers affected by these land development projects. The Government will announce the details of the arrangements under the SALRS in due course.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)073****(Question Serial No. 0272)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

On the regulation and technical services for the flower cultivation industry, please inform:

- (a) the details, respective expenditure and manpower involved in the Government's regulation and technical services for the flower cultivation industry over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (b) the details, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the Government's regulation and technical services for the flower cultivation industry in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 39)Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) provides technical services to all crop farmers including florists. The services provided include technical support in respect of cultivation techniques, control of plant pests and diseases and soil analysis, as well as the lending of farm machinery and provision of loans. The resources deployed for providing these services over the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Financial Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (revised estimate)
Number of staff deployed	13	13	13
Expenditure (\$ million)	6.2	5.9	6.3

The manpower and expenditure involved in providing technical services to the flower cultivation industry is an integral part of the above provision and there is no separate breakdown.

- (b) In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to provide the above-mentioned services to crop farmers including florists, and a similar level of manpower resources and provision as that in 2015-16 will be allocated.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)074**

**(Question Serial No. 0273)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the wholesale of live chickens, please advise on:

- (a) the annual total quantities and daily average quantities of imported and local live chickens, as well as the largest and the smallest daily wholesale quantities over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (b) the monthly average prices, as well as the highest and the lowest monthly prices of imported and local live chickens over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (c) the total expenditure on handling matters on import of live chickens (e.g. quarantine management, wholesale markets, etc.), the average expenditure on each chicken, as well as the manpower involved in 2015-16 and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

- (a) The statistics on the quantity of imported and local live chickens traded through the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) over the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Calendar Year	Live Chicken	Quantity	Daily Average Quantity	Highest Daily Quantity	Lowest Daily Quantity
2013	Imported	2 304 900	6 315	9 600	2 300

Calendar Year	Live Chicken	Quantity	Daily Average Quantity	Highest Daily Quantity	Lowest Daily Quantity
	Local	3 849 304	10 546	69 956*	2 000^
2014	Imported	912 300@	2 499	10 200	1 500
	Local	4 000 899	10 961	36 675~	4 100
2015	Imported	61 300#	168	2 900	1 400
	Local	4 055 016	11 110	47 912*	1 500**

\* Chinese New Year Eve (9 February 2013 and 18 February 2015)

^ A day when Hong Kong was affected by typhoon (23 September 2013)

@ There was no supply of imported live chickens from 28 January to 5 September 2014

~ Winter Solstice (21 December 2014)

# Import of live chickens was last suspended as from 31 December 2014 due to the temporary closure of the CSWTWPM after the detection of a H7 avian influenza positive consignment of imported live poultry. Trading of live poultry at CSWTWPM resumed on 22 January 2015. However, there was no import of live poultry until 10 February 2015 and the import quantity has since been significantly reduced compared to the average in the past.

\*\* First Day of Chinese New Year (19 February 2015)

(b) The statistics on the wholesale price of imported and local live chickens recorded in CSWTWPM over the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Calendar Year	Live Chicken	Monthly Average Wholesale Price (\$/kg)											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013	Imported	45.84	57.53*	37.99	27.60	23.33^	29.42	27.95	30.96	43.77	39.02	31.71	28.11
	Local	44.82	57.86*	36.62	25.75	22.28^	28.80	27.02	30.13	43.83	37.97	30.44	27.13
2014	Imported	23.83^	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	38.04	33.31	32.32	41.40*
	Local	24.01^	33.65	38.31	63.16	66.02*	51.69	42.06	51.10	46.07	35.06	33.90	44.46
2015	Imported	#	79.58	74.42	74.30	74.16	81.97*	81.40	72.34	66.00	62.37^	#	75.73
	Local	48.07	57.60	72.76*	68.41	71.12	70.45	63.13	51.46	47.19	41.98	40.20^	69.58

\* Highest monthly average price in the respective calendar year

^ Lowest monthly average price in the respective calendar year

# There was no supply of imported live chickens from 28 January to 5 September 2014, in January 2015 and in November 2015.

(c) The estimated expenditure incurred by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on operating CSWTWPM in 2015-16 is \$17.0 million. 18 staff are involved in this area of work. The projected expenditure for 2016-17 is \$17.1 million. CSWTWPM handles the wholesale activities of all live poultry including

those from local farms as well as registered farms in the Mainland. There is no separate breakdown in respect of imported live chickens.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)075**

**(Question Serial No. 2395)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) What were the expenditures and manpower involved in the “Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre” (C.E.H. R&D Centre) established at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (b) What are the production area of the C.E.H. R&D Centre, as well as the crop varieties, production quantity and value?
- (c) What are the Government’s current policies for promoting the development of the local hydroponic farming industry? What are the production value and quantity of the industry, as well as the number of businesses engaging in the industry?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- (a) The “Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre” (C.E.H. R&D Centre) was established in 2013 by the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) for introducing and demonstrating the technology and equipment for hydroponic production. The operation is fully funded by the VMO. Over the past 3 years, the expenditure and manpower involved in the operation of the C.E.H. R&D Centre based on information provided by the VMO are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	Manpower (number of staff)
2013-14	1.9	5
2014-15	2.1	5
2015-16 (revised estimate)	1.7	5

- (b) The C.E.H. R&D Centre has a total production area of about 500 square metres. Since January 2016, half of the area is used for production and the remaining half is used for research and development. There are 5 varieties of baby salad green growing there, i.e. Mizuna, Oak Leaf Lettuce, Red Asian Mustard, Chinese Flat Cabbage and Rocket. Currently, about 13 kg of vegetables are produced daily at a wholesale value of about \$200 per kg.
- (c) The Government encourages the adoption of modern farming practices as well as the development of new agricultural technology and related knowledge transfer. Hydroponic technology is one such example. From the agriculture policy perspective and having regard to the scarcity of land resources in Hong Kong, we see room for further development of hydroponics and other agro-technology in Hong Kong to promote migration to production methods that are less land-dependent (and hence also less vulnerable to weather changes) than the traditional land-intensive agricultural practices. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department will provide technical advice and support to investors who are interested in setting up hydroponics systems as an alternative option for agricultural production.

Currently, there are 19 hydroponic farms producing annually around 755 tonnes of vegetables with an estimated value of \$53 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)076**

**(Question Serial No. 2396)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the estimated total expenditure and manpower involved in the establishment of the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund, the Agricultural Park and the Agricultural Priority Areas in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. Measures underpinning the NAP include establishing an Agricultural Park (Agri-Park) to help nurture agro-technology and agro-business management; commissioning a consultancy study to explore ways to incentivise the use of agricultural land that may otherwise lie fallow for long-term agricultural purposes; establishing a Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF) to provide financial support for the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture; as well as measures to facilitate development of hydroponics and agro-technology and leisure farming ancillary to agricultural production, and to enhance food safety and the marketing of local fresh produce. An overview of the NAP and the implementation plan is set out in a paper submitted to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (FSEH Panel) on 2 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)767/15-16(03)).

Apart from the existing resources in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million will be provided to AFCD in 2016-17 for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the NAP. Resources required for implementing individual

measures under the NAP, such as the promulgation of the Agri-Park, will be sought in due course in accordance with established rules and procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)077**

**(Question Serial No. 2397)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the wholesaling of vegetables, please advise on the following:

- (a) What were the annual total and daily average wholesale quantity, as well as the highest and lowest figures thereof for different kinds of vegetables (including flowering cabbage, water cress, white cabbage, broccoli, Chinese lettuce, green cabbage, chrysanthemum garland, tomato, Chinese kale, pea shoot, European celery, potato and spinach etc.) over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (b) What were the monthly average, the highest and lowest value for different kinds of vegetables (including flowering cabbage, water cress, white cabbage, broccoli, Chinese lettuce, green cabbage, chrysanthemum garland, tomato, Chinese kale, pea shoot, European celery, potato and spinach etc.) over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

- (a) In respect of vegetables transacted through the government wholesale markets, the information sought is given below. We do not have the breakdown on the figures for different kinds of vegetables.

Calendar year	Total quantity (tonnes)	Daily average quantity (tonnes)	Highest daily quantity (tonnes)	Lowest daily quantity (tonnes)
2013	260 383	713	959	150
2014	256 171	702	871	76
2015	246 710	676	927	106



- (b) The monthly average value, the highest and the lowest monthly average value for vegetables transacted through the government wholesale food markets over the past 3 years are shown below. We do not have the breakdown on the figures for different kinds of vegetables.

Calendar year	Monthly average wholesale value (\$/tonne)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2013</b>	11,614	10,160	10,101^	13,953*	11,004	10,729	11,177	11,891	12,536	10,793	11,229	11,251
<b>2014</b>	11,200	11,882	11,818	12,699*	11,292	12,109	11,567	9,462^	9,617	9,812	10,072	9,623
<b>2015</b>	9,999	9,858	10,111*	9,281	8,989	9,567	8,955^	9,319	9,538	9,604	9,004	9,322

\* Highest monthly value

^ Lowest monthly value

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)078**

**(Question Serial No. 3119)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets  
(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation, please advise on the following:

- (a) What were the respective numbers of local pig farms, chicken farms, vegetable marketing co-operative societies and vegetable depots over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)? Please set out by 18 districts.
- (b) What were the respective numbers of marine fish culture licences over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?
- (c) What were the respective numbers of registered local fishing vessels over the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16)?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the number and distribution of pig farms, chicken farms, vegetable marketing co-operative societies and vegetable depots as at the end of the past 3 calendar years, broken down by district, is tabulated below:

**Number of Pig and Chicken Farms**

<b>Districts</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2013</b>		<b>As at 31 December 2014</b>		<b>As at 31 December 2015</b>	
	<b>Pig</b>	<b>Chicken</b>	<b>Pig</b>	<b>Chicken</b>	<b>Pig</b>	<b>Chicken</b>
Central & Western	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	1	0	1	0	1
Yuen Long	34	25	34	24	34	24
Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
North	8	4	8	4	8	4
Tai Po	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sai Kung	1	0	1	0	1	0
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>

**Number of Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies (VMCS) and Vegetable Depots operated by the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO)**

<b>Districts</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2013</b>		<b>As at 31 December 2014</b>		<b>As at 31 December 2015</b>	
	<b>VMCS</b>	<b>Depot by VMO</b>	<b>VMCS</b>	<b>Depot by VMO</b>	<b>VMCS</b>	<b>Depot by VMO</b>
Central & Western	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tuen Mun	3	1	3	1	3	1
Yuen Long	13	1	13	1	13	1
Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Islands	2	0	2	0	2	0
North	8	0	8	0	8	0
Tai Po	1	0	1	0	1	0
Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>

(b) - (c) Information on the number of marine fish culture licences and registered local fishing vessels as at the end of the past 3 calendar years is tabulated below:

	<b>As at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2015</b>
Number of marine fish culture licences	987	968	969
Number of registered local fishing vessels	3 008	3 726	4 347

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)079**

**(Question Serial No. 1303)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated in the Policy Address that the establishment of the \$500 million Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund will be implemented. What are details of the manpower and expenditure involved of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in setting up the Fund?

Asked by: Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

On the establishment of the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF), we consulted the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 8 March 2016. Details of the SADF including its proposed scope, assessment criteria and monitoring mechanism were set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)997/15-16(03). Members of the Panel were generally in support of the proposal. The Government will proceed to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee in the second quarter of 2016 for setting up the SADF.

An additional provision of 6 staff and \$2.5 million has been earmarked for administering the SADF (if approved) in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)080****(Question Serial No. 3173)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the employment of "outsourced workers", please provide the following information:

	2015-16 (latest position)
Number of outsourced service contracts	( )
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	( )
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	( )
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	( )
Breakdown of posts taken up by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers	
• \$30,001 or above	( )
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	( )
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	( )
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	( )
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	( )
• below \$6,240	( )
Length of service of outsourced workers	
• above 15 years	( )
• 10 to 15 years	( )
• 5 to 10 years	( )
• 3 to 5 years	( )
• 1 to 3 years	( )
• less than 1 year	( )
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department	( )

Percentage of payment for outsourced service providers in the total staff costs of the Department	( )
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	( )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	( )
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )
Number of workers on five-day week	( )
Number of workers on six-day week	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2014-15*

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

Details of the information on outsourcing by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) are as follows:

	2015-16 (as at 31 January 2016)
Number of outsourced service contracts	50 (+8.7%)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$77.2 million (+10.9%)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	9 to 60 months
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	475 (+1.3%)
Breakdown of posts taken up by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	The workers are mainly deployed to carry out cleansing or security services.
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,001 or above</li> <li>• \$16,001 to \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 to \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 to \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 to \$6,500</li> <li>• below \$6,240</li> </ul>	[Note 1]
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• above 15 years</li> <li>• 10 to 15 years</li> </ul>	[Note 2]

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 to 10 years</li> <li>• 3 to 5 years</li> <li>• 1 to 3 years</li> <li>• less than 1 year</li> </ul>	
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in AFCD	23.9% (+1.1 percentage points)
Percentage of payment for outsourced service providers in the total staff costs of AFCD	10.7% (+0.8 percentage points)
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	[Note 3]
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	
Number of workers on five-day week Number of workers on six-day week	

*Figures in ( ) denote percentage changes compared with the position as at 31 January 2015*

Note 1: With the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May 2011, contractors are required to pay their employees at not less than the SMW rate plus one paid rest day for every period of seven days or the average monthly wages for the relevant industry/occupation as published in the Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics for December 2010, whichever is higher. The exact wages of workers vary, depending on the numbers of working days and working hours of the workers specified in the employment contracts between the outsourced service providers and their workers.

Note 2: Under the Government service contract, contractors may arrange any of their employees who meet the basic requirements specified in the contract to perform the required service. They may also arrange replacement workers during the contract period. Hence, the requested information is not available.

Note 3: The requested information is not specified in the Government service contract and hence is not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)081**

**(Question Serial No. 2624)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the provision of infrastructural support to local farmers mentioned in this Programme, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The number of requests for assistance in identifying agricultural land or building agricultural structures received by the Department, and the number of cases referred to the Lands Department in 2015-16.
- (b) The number of cases of assistance successfully rendered in identifying agricultural land for rehabilitation, and the area of agricultural land for rehabilitation involved in 2015-16.
- (c) Was any statistical work on the area of agricultural land in each of 18 districts performed over the past year? If yes, what was the area of land for agricultural uses according to the Department's records, broken down by 18 districts?
- (d) If the work mentioned in (c) was not performed, will the Department perform such work in 2016-17? If yes, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The number of applications for erecting agricultural structures and for leasing agricultural land under the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS) and related statistics in 2015 are tabulated below:

Calendar Year	Number of Applications for Erection of Agricultural Structures	Application for Leasing Agricultural Land under the ALRS		
		Number of New Applications	Number of Successful Cases	Area of Farmland Leased out through the ALRS (hectare)
2015	25	45	41	5.4

- (c) The area of agricultural land currently in active farming use according to the records of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) in the 18 districts of Hong Kong in 2015 is tabulated below:

Districts	Area in active farming use (hectare)
Central & Western	0
Wan Chai	0
Eastern	0
Southern	4
Yau Tsim Mong	0
Sham Shui Po	0
Kowloon City	0
Wong Tai Sin	0
Kwun Tong	0
Tsuen Wan	12
Tuen Mun	45
Yuen Long	230
Kwai Tsing	2
Islands	27
North	277
Tai Po	62
Sai Kung	21
Sha Tin	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>685</b>

- (d) In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to conduct surveys on agricultural land use. As the surveys form part of the ongoing work of AFCD, there is no separate breakdown on the estimated expenditure and manpower involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)082**

**(Question Serial No. 1532)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) 6 applications for the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund with the total expenditure amounting to \$28.3 million have been approved in principle. Please tabulate the details of these 6 applications and the amount involved.

Projects	Amount involved

- (b) How many applications are related to the development of recreational fisheries since the establishment of the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund? What is the number of successful applications? For those unsuccessful projects, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 301)

Reply:

- (a) Details of the 6 approved applications under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund are tabulated below:

Projects	Amount involved
(i) "Mariculture Using Enclosure Net Cages" The project involves using large enclosure net cages extending from the water surface down to the seabed for culturing white flower croaker (mainly for its swim bladder to produce fish maw) together with two other species, namely giant grouper and pompano. Both the culture system and the culture of white flower croaker are new to Hong Kong.	\$6.4 million

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Amount involved</b>
<p>(ii) "Fisheries-related Eco-tour Guide Training Programme for Fishermen (North-eastern Waters)"</p> <p>The project seeks to help fishermen develop or switch to fisheries-related ecotourism business by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills as well as practical experience in operating eco-tours.</p>	\$2.3 million
<p>(iii) "Depurated Oyster Project Proposal"</p> <p>The project makes use of a depuration process and a monitoring programme to enhance the safety and quality of local oysters. It seeks to build its own brand, extend the sales network and, in the long run, maintain a stable supply of a variety of oyster products that are safe and fresh for the local market.</p>	\$3.0 million
<p>(iv) "Fishery &amp; Eco, Conservation Programme (Cheung Chau Waters)"</p> <p>The project helps fishermen switch to recreational fisheries by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills as well as practical experience in operating eco-tours. It will also involve planning and design of new eco-tour routes and related facilities which would be conducive to the development of recreational fisheries in the waters of Cheung Chau.</p>	\$2.3 million
<p>(v) "Promotion and Support Scheme on Organic Certification for the Organic Aquaculture in Hong Kong"</p> <p>The project will provide assistance to fish farmers in obtaining organic accreditation and will organise activities to enhance public understanding of organic aquaculture and to promote the development of a high-end market for organic aquaculture products.</p>	\$10.5 million
<p>(vi) "Establishment and Demonstration of Recirculation Aquaculture System for Fry Culture on Rafts"</p> <p>The project aims to develop grouper fry culture technique with the use of seawater recirculating system on fish rafts and to promote such culture technique to local fish farmers.</p>	\$3.8 million

- (b) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has received 3 applications related to the development of recreational fisheries and 2 of them have been approved. Details are provided in (a) (ii) and (iv) above. The remaining application is being processed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)083**

**(Question Serial No. 3151)**

Head: (48) Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (2) Advisory and Investigative Services

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr SIN Wai-mei)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In “tests performed->miscellaneous->other samples” under the Indicators for 2015, it is stated that “the high output in 2015 was due to the testing of samples related to Incident of Lead in Drinking Water”. Please advise on the number of tests performed on “other samples” in relation to the incident and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The Development Bureau, underpinned by the Water Supplies Department (WSD), is responsible for ensuring the provision of a reliable, adequate and quality supply of water and maintaining an efficient water supply service. The WSD's Water Science Division is responsible for monitoring water quality throughout the drinking-water supply system. Providing technical support in testing drinking water samples and conducting on-site investigations of plumbing components are not within the regular programmes of the Government Laboratory (GL).

2. During the lead in drinking water incident (the incident), GL provided, on request, ad hoc technical support, including testing 5 343 drinking water samples and conducting 420 on-site investigations of plumbing components, through internal redeployment and an additional funding of \$1.2 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)084**

**(Question Serial No. 2674)**

Head: (48) Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Advisory and Investigative Services

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr SIN Wai-mei)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. The Laboratory mentioned that it had provided technical assistance including testing of drinking water samples and on-site investigations to other government departments in the Incident of Lead in Drinking Water. In this connection, please advise on the following:

a. In 2016, which departments were provided with technical assistance by the Laboratory? Please provide a breakdown by department on the number of drinking water samples tested and the expenditure involved.

b. Please provide a breakdown on the locations of on-site investigations, test parameters, number of samples taken and average expenditure for each on-site investigation.

c. What guidelines on the method of taking drinking water samples are followed by the Laboratory? What procedures are involved?

2. In 2015, did the Laboratory assist the Department of Health in conducting blood lead tests for the people affected by the Incident of Lead in Drinking Water? If yes, how many people were tested and what was the expenditure involved? What is the estimated number of people tested for blood lead level in 2016 and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

The Development Bureau, underpinned by the Water Supplies Department (WSD), is responsible for ensuring the provision of a reliable, adequate and quality supply of water and maintaining an efficient water supply service. The WSD's Water Science Division is responsible for monitoring water quality throughout the drinking-water supply system. Providing technical support in testing drinking water samples and conducting

on-site investigations of plumbing components are not within the regular programmes of the Government Laboratory (GL).

2. During the lead in drinking water incident (the incident), GL provided, on request, ad hoc technical support through internal redeployment and an additional funding of \$1.2 million. There was no further breakdown on the expenditures involved.

3. The information sought in respect of the tests conducted by GL during the incident is set out as follows:

- (a) The number of drinking water samples tested for the Housing Department and WSD are 378 and 4 965 respectively.
- (b) On-site investigations were conducted at public housing estates and kindergartens to check whether plumbing components contained lead, which involved 420 on-site tests.
- (c) GL was not involved in collecting drinking water samples. It rendered assistance in testing drinking water samples taken by the relevant departments.
- (d) GL was not involved in blood lead level tests.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)085**

**(Question Serial No. 3188)**

Head: (48) Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Advisory and Investigative Services

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr SIN Wai-mei)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government Laboratory has provided technical assistance including testing of drinking water samples and on-site investigations to other government departments in the Incident of Lead in Drinking Water. Please advise on the details of the work, and the expenditure and manpower involved in the past year and coming year. Will additional resources be allocated specially for the work concerned, such as providing water testing services for various public housing estates and government buildings?

Asked by: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

The Development Bureau, underpinned by the Water Supplies Department (WSD), is responsible for ensuring the provision of a reliable, adequate and quality supply of water and maintaining an efficient water supply service. The WSD's Water Science Division is responsible for monitoring water quality throughout the drinking-water supply system. Providing technical support in testing drinking water samples and conducting on-site investigations of plumbing components are not within the regular programmes of the Government Laboratory (GL).

2. During the lead in drinking water incident (the incident), GL provided, on request, ad hoc technical support through internal redeployment and an additional funding of \$1.2 million. There is no resource earmarked for the testing of drinking water samples and on-site investigations of plumbing components in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)086**

**(Question Serial No. 2371)**

Head: (48) Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Statutory Testing

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr SIN Wai-mei)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the following information:

1. the expenditure of the Food Safety Laboratory in each of the past 2 years (i.e. 2014 and 2015), the current staff establishment and the estimated expenditure and manpower for 2016;
2. the number of food samples tested for regulatory compliance in each of the past 2 years (i.e. 2014 and 2015) and the estimated number for 2016; and
3. with respect to the outsourcing of some of the routine food testing work to the private sector, the scope of food testing and the number of samples outsourced, the respective ratio of outsourcing, the expenditure incurred for the outsourcing of food testing, and the manpower and expenditure involved for supervising and spot-checking the outsourcing work in the past 2 years (i.e. 2014 and 2015) and the estimated data for 2016.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

1. The expenditure of the Food Safety Laboratory (FSL) under the Government Laboratory was \$32 million in 2014-15. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$33 million. The current staff establishment of FSL consists of 33 professional and technical officers. The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$34 million with no change in staff establishment.
2. The number of food tests (with the corresponding numbers of food samples in brackets) for regulatory compliance purposes conducted by the Government Laboratory in 2014 and 2015, and the estimated number for 2016 are as follows:

2014 (actual)	2015 (actual)	2016 (estimated)
195 747 tests  (31 557 samples)	196 655 tests  (29 919 samples)	184 000 tests  (30 000 samples)

Note: The number of food tests already conducted comprises both tests carried out on a day-to-day basis according to a risk management approach and tests conducted pursuant to ad hoc issues such as local and international incidents relating to food safety. The estimated number of food tests to be conducted in the future reflects only the former category, as the latter category is by nature unforeseeable.

3. The scope and numbers of samples outsourced in 2014-15 and the estimated numbers for 2015-16 and 2016-17 as well as the respective ratios of outsourcing are provided in the table below:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number of food tests (number of samples involved)</b>	<b>Outsourced food tests / Government Laboratory's routine food testing work</b>	<b>Scope of outsourcing</b>
2014-15	119 000 (14 200 samples)	70%	preservatives, sulphur dioxide, boric acid, propionic acid, nitrate and nitrite, colouring matter, trace metals, pesticide residues, veterinary drug residues, other food contaminants
2015-16 (estimated)	123 000 (14 900 samples)	70%	- ditto -
2016-17 (estimated)	123 000 (14 900 samples)	70%	- ditto -

The expenditure on outsourcing of food testing incurred in 2014-15 was \$12 million. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$12.5 million and the estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$12.5 million.

The Outsourcing Management Section was established in 2009-10 to perform outsourcing related activities including contract management and monitoring the performance of the contract laboratories. The Section consists of seven professional and technical staff with annual expenditure of \$5.0 million for 2014-15 and estimated expenditures of \$5.2 million and \$5.4 million for 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)087**

**(Question Serial No. 1147)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the number of unlicensed hawkers prosecuted by the Hawker Control Teams in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by age group as per the table below.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Aged 30 or below			
Aged 30-65			
Aged 65 or above			

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers, on a calendar-year basis, is 29 243, 26 025 and 23 054, in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. A breakdown of these prosecution figures by age group is not readily available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)088**

**(Question Serial No. 1148)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please list in the table below the number of raids conducted by Hawker Control Teams in each of the past three years:

Number of raids conducted by Hawker Control Teams (in 2013-14; 2014-15; 2015-16)

		Number of raids
18 Districts	Southern	
	Central/Western	
	Northern	
Divisional Task Force	Hong Kong division	
	Kowloon division	
	New Territories division	

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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**Number of raids made by hawker control teams  
in 2013 to 2015**

<b>District Environmental Hygiene Offices (DEHOs)</b>	<b>Number of raids made by hawker control teams<sup>Note</sup></b>		
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Central and Western	6 681	6 971	6 232
Wan Chai	4 684	5 486	5 770
Eastern	3 700	4 102	4 180
Southern	2 055	2 040	1 995
Yau Tsim	8 086	8 607	6 110
Mongkok	5 715	6 581	7 449
Sham Shui Po	9 333	10 532	12 001
Kowloon City	7 125	6 284	5 238
Wong Tai Sin	2 633	2 820	2 789
Kwun Tong	4 192	4 747	5 152
Kwai Tsing	8 160	7 959	7 433
Tsuen Wan	7 405	7 422	6 711
Tuen Mun	6 672	6 731	5 866
Yuen Long	10 469	11 761	10 756
North	7 488	7 814	7 687
Tai Po	9 478	9 577	8 894
Shatin	7 651	7 903	6 593
Sai Kung	6 824	6 786	5 252
Islands	543	561	594
<b>Total</b>	<b>118 894</b>	<b>124 684</b>	<b>116 702</b>

Note: The primary duty of hawker control teams, including those under the task force, is to support DEHOs in hawker control work. The raids carried out by them have been subsumed in the figures for individual DEHOs.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)089**

**(Question Serial No. 1149 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Regarding the six public markets recommended by the consultant for improvement, what is the amount of provision earmarked by the Department for taking forward their improvement plans? What improvement plans will be implemented this year?
2. Apart from the six public markets above, has the Government earmarked provision for the improvement of the operating environment of public markets?

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No.69 )

Reply:

The information sought is given below-

1. The Government is following up the Consultant's improvement proposals for the six selected markets by phases. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated costs and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at these two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the other four markets in 2016-17.
2. Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the Consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan

Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

In addition, to ensure smooth operation of lift and escalators in public markets, we have plans to replace by phases lifts and escalators which are over 20 years old. We have earmarked \$115 million to replace 12 lifts and 34 escalators in 16 markets, and will start the replacement work in 2016-17.

At the same time, the Department will continue to conduct promotional activities to enhance the patronage of existing public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information, as well as other promotional activities that could help to attract members of the public to visit the public markets. The estimated cost of these promotional activities in 2016-17 is \$7 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)090**

**(Question Serial No. 1150)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

One of the key areas of work undertaken by the Department in the coming year is to close public markets which are under-utilised. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. the number of markets which the Department is planning to close due to being “under-utilised” as assessed;
2. the criteria of assessing a market as “under-utilised”; and
3. the list of public markets which are under-utilised.

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 73)

Reply:

To enhance the patronage of existing public markets, as an on-going initiative, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts promotional activities. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will appropriately let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce a greater variety of service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

In addition, the Government is following up the Consultant's improvement proposals for the six selected markets in phases. The Department consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views

and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated costs and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at those two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-17.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the Consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

Nonetheless, as a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When considering whether an under-utilised public market is to be closed, we will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Department, the vacated building space will be handled according to established procedures. Depending on the circumstances, the Government Property Agency, Planning Department or Lands Department may be requested to seek inputs from other government departments on proposals to put the premises to gainful long-term use.

Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with relevant Bureaux/Departments and District Councils to identify public markets that may be closed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)091**

**(Question Serial No. 2894)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Hawking is a means to resist the imbalance of market economy. At a panel meeting of the Legislative Council, the Secretary for Food and Health acknowledged the change of the Government's role in respect of hawker policy from management to facilitation.

Given that the Government has changed its policy idea, please advise whether financial resources are available to help take forward the change, what department(s) will support the "facilitation" role, and whether resources and manpower will be earmarked for liaising and consulting with the local community for the promotion of the district-led hawker policy.

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The Government is committed to implementing a hawker policy which can strike an optimal balance between allowing licensed hawking business to thrive on the one hand and meeting other legitimate concerns such as avoiding unreasonable nuisance to the local community in addition to ensuring food safety, environmental hygiene and public security on the other. We keep an open mind towards proposals for developing the hawker trade or the establishment of open-air bazaars or night markets with local characteristics, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, public passageways are not obstructed and local community support is obtained. If suitable sites are identified and support from relevant district councils has been obtained and provided that food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department stands ready to facilitate liaison with relevant government departments. Existing resources will continue to be deployed to carry out the said facilitation work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)092**

**(Question Serial No. 2558)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise this Committee on the number of prosecutions instituted against unlicensed hawkers by the Hawker Control Teams, as well as the number of successful prosecution cases, in 2015-16. Please also advise on the operational expenses, manpower and full-year expenditure on salaries of the Hawker Control Teams for 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

In 2015, the number of prosecutions instituted against unlicensed hawkers is 23 054 while the number of convictions against unlicensed hawkers (i.e. cases concluded in the year) is 23 473. The estimated expenditure on hawker management and the estimated full year expenditure on salaries of the Hawker Control Teams for 2016-17 are \$1,073 million and \$677 million respectively. The establishment of the Hawker Control Officer grade for 2016-17 is 2 265.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)093**

**(Question Serial No. 0147)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (1), it is stated that the number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level in connection with the Japan nuclear power plant incident in March 2011 was 61 459 in 2014, whereas it was 72 549 in 2015. Please provide information on the manpower and expenditure involved in the past two years for the testings mentioned above; the number of unsatisfactory food samples detected and the number of samples of imported Japanese food detected with unsatisfactory radiation level in 2014 and 2015 respectively; as well as the number of imported Japanese food products with excessive radiation that entered the market, the types of food involved, and the number of people who unknowingly purchased such imported Japanese food items, in each of the past three years. Please also advise on the estimated number of imported Japanese food samples to be taken for radiation testing, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved, in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety's (CFS) Food Surveillance Programme (Programme) takes food samples, including Japanese food, at the import, wholesale and retail levels. Specifically, samples of Japanese food for radiation level testing are taken by two teams of staff in CFS, namely the Food Surveillance and Complaint Section (FSCS) and the Food Import and Export Section (FIES).

The total expenditure on the FSCS, responsible for taking food samples (including Japanese food), at wholesale and retail levels, in 2014-15 was \$61.6 million. The revised estimate for 2015-16 was \$65.3 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$71.1 million. The manpower establishment of this Section in 2014-15 was 115, remains unchanged in 2015-16 and will stay the same in 2016-17. CFS does not have separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower in FSCS for taking Japanese food samples for examination of

radiation levels.

The FIES is responsible for taking food samples (including Japanese food) for radiation level testing on the import front. The total expenditure of this Section in 2014-15 was \$147 million. The revised estimate for 2015-16 was \$152.6 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 is \$152.2 million. The manpower establishment of this Section in 2014-15 and 2015-16 were 266, and the estimated manpower for 2016-17 is 271. CFS does not have separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower in FIES for taking Japanese food samples for examination of radiation levels.

No sample of imported Japanese food was detected with unsatisfactory radiation level in the past three years. The estimated number of samples to be taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation levels in 2016 is about 62 000.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)094****(Question Serial No. 0216)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the work of continuing to improve the management and upgrade the facilities of public markets, please provide information on the following:

- the population and the number of public markets in each district as per the table below:

<b>District</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>No. of Public Markets</b>	<b>Name of Public Market</b>
Central & Western			
Eastern			
Southern			
Wan Chai			
Kowloon City			
Kwun Tong			
Wong Tai Sin			
Sham Shui Po			
Mong Kok			
Yau Tsim			
Sha Tin			
Tai Po			
North			
Kwai Tsing			
Tsuen Wan			

Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
Sai Kung			
Islands			
Total			

- the year of commissioning, current number of stalls and occupancy rate of individual public markets (listed by air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned markets) in the territory.

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The information sought is given in Annexes I and II respectively.

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The Government seeks to ensure the community's convenient access to retail outlets in their neighbourhood for meeting their daily needs on food and other necessities. These outlets may range from public markets, supermarkets and other types of retail outlets operated by other public and private entities. In considering whether a public market should be built, we are obliged to ensure that public resources are put to proper use. This involves assessing the need for the market and the cost effectiveness, taking into account the factors outlined in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. This approach is consistent with the recommendations of the Audit Commission. The table below lists public markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department only.

<b>District</b>	<b>Population#</b>	<b>No. of Public Markets</b>	<b>Name of Public Markets</b>
Central & Western	251 900	6	Shek Tong Tsui Market Sheung Wan Market Smithfield Market Centre Street Market Sai Ying Pun Market Queen Street Cooked Food Market
Eastern	584 600	11	North Point Market Electric Road Market Causeway Bay Market Quarry Bay Market Yue Wan Market Java Road Market Sai Wan Ho Market Shaukeiwan Market Aldrich Bay Market Chai Wan Market Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market
Southern	277 500	6	Yue Kwong Road Market Tin Wan Market Aberdeen Market Apleichau Market Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market Stanley Waterfront Mart
Wan Chai	152 100	5	Wanchai Market Bowrington Road Market Lockhart Road Market Wong Nai Chung Market Tang Lung Chau Market
Kowloon City	408 600	4	Kowloon City Market Hung Hom Market Tokwawan Market

<b>District</b>	<b>Population#</b>	<b>No. of Public Markets</b>	<b>Name of Public Markets</b>
Central & Western	251 900	6	Shek Tong Tsui Market Sheung Wan Market Smithfield Market Centre Street Market Sai Ying Pun Market Queen Street Cooked Food Market
			On Ching Road Flower Market

<b>District</b>	<b>Population#</b>	<b>No. of Public Markets</b>	<b>Name of Public Markets</b>
Kwun Tong	645 400	8	Ngau Tau Kok Market Shui Wo Street Market Yee On Street Market Lei Yue Mun Market Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market
Wong Tai Sin	428 900	4	Ngau Chi Wan Market Sheung Fung Street Market Choi Hung Road Market Tai Shing Street Market
Sham Shui Po	394 800	5	Po On Road Market Pei Ho Street Market Lai Wan Market Tung Chau Street Temporary Market Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market
Mong Kok	317 100	3	Fa Yuen Street Market Tai Kok Tsui Market Mong Kok Cooked Food Market
Yau Tsim		3	Yau Ma Tei Market Kwun Chung Market Haiphong Road Temporary Market
Sha Tin	652 600	4	Sha Tin Market Tai Wai Market Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market
Tai Po	305 800	2	Tai Po Hui Market Plover Cove Road Market
North	308 300	4	Shek Wu Hui Market Luen Wo Hui Market Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre Sha Tau Kok Market

<b>District</b>	<b>Population#</b>	<b>No. of Public Markets</b>	<b>Name of Public Markets</b>
Kwai Tsing	510 500	8	Wing Fong Street Market Tsing Yi Market North Kwai Chung Market Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market Ka Ting Cooked Food Market Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market
Tsuen Wan	305 100	6	Yeung Uk Road Market Tsuen Wan Market Heung Che Street Market Tsuen King Circuit Market Sham Tseng Temporary Market Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market
Tuen Mun	497 600	6	Yan Oi Market San Hui Market Lam Tei Market Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market Kin Wing Cooked Food Market Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market
Yuen Long	601 100	8	Tung Yick Market Tai Kiu Market Hung Shui Kiu Market Kam Tin Market Lau Fau Shan Market Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market
Sai Kung	451 600	2	Sai Kung Market Tui Min Hoi Market
Islands	147 400	6	Mui Wo Market Cheung Chau Market Tai O Market Peng Chau Market Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market Mui Wo Cooked Food Market
Total	7 240 900	101	

# Based on “Population and Household Statistics Analysed by District Council District 2014” published by the Census and Statistics Department in March 2015

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Name of Market</b>	<b>Year of Commissioning</b>	<b>Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system</b>	<b>No. of stalls as at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>Occupancy rate* as at 31 December 2015</b>
1	Aldrich Bay Market	2008	yes	71	85%
2	Apleichau Market	1998	yes	63	98%
3	Centre Street Market	1976	yes	46	85%
4	Chai Wan Market	2001	yes	173	95%
5	Lei Yue Mun Market	2000	yes	20	90%
6	Luen Wo Hui Market	2002	yes	338	99%
7	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	2005	yes	14	100%
8	Peng Chau Market	1999	yes	18	94%
9	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	2004	yes	11	100%
10	Sai Ying Pun Market	1999	yes	102	89%
11	San Hui Market	1982	yes	324	100%
12	Sha Tin Market	1980	yes	172	100%
13	Shek Wu Hui Market	1994	yes	392	100%
14	Tai Kiu Market	1984	yes	379	98%
15	Tai Kok Tsui Market	2005	yes	135	100%
16	Tai Po Hui Market	2004	yes	313	99%
17	Tsing Yi Market	1999	yes	76	91%
18	Wanchai Market	2008	yes	50	100%
19	Yan Oi Market	1983	yes	108	98%
20	Yee On Street Market	1999	yes	65	95%
21	Yue Wan Market	1979	yes	374	97%
22	Bowrington Road Market	1979	yes in CFC only	296	99%
23	Hung Hom Market	1996	yes in CFC only	224	100%
24	Java Road Market	1993	yes in CFC only	194	96%
25	Lockhart Road Market	1987	yes in CFC only	166	83%
26	Pei Ho Street Market	1995	yes in CFC only	227	100%
27	Sai Wan Ho Market	1984	yes in CFC only	274	99%
28	Sheung Wan Market	1989	yes in CFC only	222	99%
29	Smithfield Market	1996	yes in CFC only	216	100%
30	Tai Shing Street Market	1998	yes in CFC only	446	95%

31	Tokwawan Market	1984	yes in CFC only	267	99%
32	Wong Nai Chung Market	1996	yes in CFC only	69	97%
33	Aberdeen Market	1983	no	335	99%
34	Causeway Bay Market	1995	no	51	98%
35	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	1979	no	32	94%
36	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	1991	no	17	100%
37	Cheung Chau Market	1991	no	237	100%
38	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	1982	no	28	43%
39	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	1987	no	12	100%
40	Choi Hung Road Market	1988	no	116	74%
41	Electric Road Market	1993	no	99	95%
42	Fa Yuen Street Market	1988	no	180	100%
43	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	1982	no	24	100%
44	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	1982	no	15	100%
45	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	1978	no	88	66%
46	Heung Che Street Market	1972	no	223	96%
47	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	1979	no	11	100%
48	Hung Shui Kiu Market	1987	no	215	37%
49	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	1983	no	16	69%
50	Kam Tin Market	1964	no	41	100%
51	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	1981	no	14	93%
52	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	1979	no	17	100%
53	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	1985	no	14	100%
54	Kowloon City Market	1988	no	581	98%
55	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	1986	no	11	100%
56	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	1990	no	12	92%
57	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	1985	no	98	100%
58	Kwun Chung Market	1991	no	218	99%
59	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	1984	no	29	100%

60	Lai Wan Market	1992	no	42	98%
61	Lam Tei Market	1969	no	7	100%
62	Lau Fau Shan Market	1964	no	25	88%
63	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	1985	no	20	100%
64	Mui Wo Market	1993	no	35	97%
65	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	1987	no	28	89%
66	Ngau Chi Wan Market	1986	no	402	93%
67	Ngau Tau Kok Market	1981	no	466	86%
68	North Kwai Chung Market	1984	no	222	98%
69	North Point Market	1970	no	42	98%
70	On Ching Road Flower Market	1979	no	13	100%
71	Plover Cove Road Market	1991	no	244	97%
72	Po On Road Market	1988	no	449	96%
73	Quarry Bay Market	1988	no	113	92%
74	Sai Kung Market	1985	no	209	99%
75	Sha Tau Kok Market	1998	no	66	100%
76	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	1984	no	29	100%
77	Shaukeiwan Market	1973	no	82	56%
78	Shek Tong Tsui Market	1991	no	151	94%
79	Sheung Fung Street Market	1989	no	71	99%
80	Shui Wo Street Market	1988	no	302	99%
81	Stanley Waterfront Mart	2007	no	20	90%
82	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	1980	no	17	88%
83	Tai O Market	1989	no	26	88%
84	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	1985	no	18	100%
85	Tai Wai Market	1985	no	195	89%
86	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	1984	no	20	80%
87	Tang Lung Chau Market	1963	no	34	97%
88	Tin Wan Market	1979	no	180	100%
89	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	1983	no	18	100%
90	Tsuen King Circuit Market	1990	no	241	21%
91	Tsuen Wan Market	1981	no	381	93%
92	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	1985	no	56	100%
93	Tui Min Hoi Market	1983	no	34	100%



94	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	1992	no	359	50%
95	Tung Yick Market	1991	no	446	42%
96	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	1983	no	8	100%
97	Wing Fong Street Market	1982	no	112	93%
98	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	1984	no	18	94%
99	Yau Ma Tei Market	1957	no	144	99%
100	Yeung Uk Road Market	1990	no	318	98%
101	Yue Kwong Road Market	1981	no	197	100%

\* Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls relative to the total number of stalls in a market.

Remark :

CFC - Cooked Food Centre in public market

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)095**

**(Question Serial No. 2538)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “take action to close public markets which are under-utilised”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the “occupancy rate” and “vacancy rate” of each public market in the territory; and
- (b) the number of markets that were closed in the past five years (i.e. 2011 to 2015), the expenditure involved and the reason(s) for the closure.

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided at Annex.
- (b) In the five years ending 2015, two markets, namely Kwong Choi Market and Bridges Street Market, were closed due to consistently high vacancy rates. Closure of these markets resulted in the reduction of annual operating cost of about \$2.58 million and the annual revenue forgone was about \$0.3 million.

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Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
1	Aberdeen Market	335	99%	1%
2	Aldrich Bay Market	71	85%	15%
3	Apleichau Market	63	98%	2%
4	Bowrington Road Market	296	99%	1%
5	Causeway Bay Market	51	98%	2%
6	Centre Street Market	46	85%	15%
7	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	94%	6%
8	Chai Wan Market	173	95%	5%
9	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	100%	0%
10	Cheung Chau Market	237	100%	0%
11	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	28	43%	57%
12	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	100%	0%
13	Choi Hung Road Market	116	74%	26%
14	Electric Road Market	99	95%	5%
15	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	100%	0%
16	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	100%	0%
17	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	100%	0%
18	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	88	66%	34%
19	Heung Che Street Market	223	96%	4%
20	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
21	Hung Hom Market	224	100%	0%
22	Hung Shui Kiu Market	215	37%	63%
23	Java Road Market	194	96%	4%
24	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	16	69%	31%
25	Kam Tin Market	41	100%	0%
26	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	93%	7%
27	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	100%	0%
28	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	100%	0%
29	Kowloon City Market	581	98%	2%
30	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
31	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	12	92%	8%
32	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	100%	0%
33	Kwun Chung Market	218	99%	1%

Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
34	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	29	100%	0%
35	Lai Wan Market	42	98%	2%
36	Lam Tei Market	7	100%	0%
37	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	88%	12%
38	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	90%	10%
39	Lockhart Road Market	166	83%	17%
40	Luen Wo Hui Market	338	99%	1%
41	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	100%	0%
42	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	100%	0%
43	Mui Wo Market	35	97%	3%
44	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	89%	11%
45	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	93%	7%
46	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	86%	14%
47	North Kwai Chung Market	222	98%	2%
48	North Point Market	42	98%	2%
49	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	100%	0%
50	Pei Ho Street Market	227	100%	0%
51	Peng Chau Market	18	94%	6%
52	Plover Cove Road Market	244	97%	3%
53	Po On Road Market	449	96%	4%
54	Quarry Bay Market	113	92%	8%
55	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
56	Sai Kung Market	209	99%	1%
57	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	99%	1%
58	Sai Ying Pun Market	102	89%	11%
59	San Hui Market	324	100%	0%
60	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	100%	0%
61	Sha Tin Market	172	100%	0%
62	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	100%	0%
63	Shaukeiwan Market	82	56%	44%
64	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	94%	6%
65	Shek Wu Hui Market	392	100%	0%
66	Sheung Fung Street Market	71	99%	1%
67	Sheung Wan Market	222	99%	1%
68	Shui Wo Street Market	302	99%	1%

69	Smithfield Market	216	100%	0%
70	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	90%	10%

Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
71	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	88%	12%
72	Tai Kiu Market	379	98%	2%
73	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	100%	0%
74	Tai O Market	26	88%	12%
75	Tai Po Hui Market	313	99%	1%
76	Tai Shing Street Market	446	95%	5%
77	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%	0%
78	Tai Wai Market	195	89%	11%
79	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	20	80%	20%
80	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	97%	3%
81	Tin Wan Market	180	100%	0%
82	Tokwawan Market	267	99%	1%
83	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	100%	0%
84	Tsing Yi Market	76	91%	9%
85	Tsuen King Circuit Market	241	21%	79%
86	Tsuen Wan Market	381	93%	7%
87	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	100%	0%
88	Tui Min Hoi Market	34	100%	0%
89	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	359	50%	50%
90	Tung Yick Market	446	42%	58%
91	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	100%	0%
92	Wanchai Market	50	100%	0%
93	Wing Fong Street Market	112	93%	7%
94	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	94%	6%
95	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	97%	3%
96	Yan Oi Market	108	98%	2%
97	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	99%	1%
98	Yee On Street Market	65	95%	5%
99	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	98%	2%
100	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	100%	0%
101	Yue Wan Market	374	97%	3%

\* Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls versus the total number of stalls in a market.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)096**

**(Question Serial No. 3131)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (1), the estimated number of mosquito breeding places eliminated by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2016 is 55 400, which is similar to the number in 2015 (i.e. 55 353). Please advise on the manpower and expenditure involved in eliminating mosquito breeding places in the past three years; whether the 18 District Councils requested the Department to enhance elimination of mosquito breeding places in the past three years (if yes, the districts involved as well as the number of requests made by the respective District Councils); and given that Zika virus infections are rampant mainly in Central America and Latin America, and that Aedes albopictus mosquitoes, which are one of the disease vectors, are found in the territory, whether additional resources will be provided by the Department for eliminating mosquito breeding places (if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s)).

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

In 2014 and 2015, 49 425 and 55 353 mosquito breeding places were eliminated respectively. The increase in 2015 was attributable to the enhanced mosquito prevention and control measures taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in public places in response to a number of confirmed local cases of Japanese encephalitis and dengue fever in that year. In addition to about 700 departmental staff responsible for pest control (including mosquito control), the Department engages private contractors to provide pest control services in the territory through roving teams. In the wet season from April to October in 2013, 2014 and 2015, 274, 274 and 266 roving teams (with a workforce of about 1 640, 1 640 and 1 600) respectively were deployed to undertake mosquito control work during that period. The number of local cases of dengue fever in 2014 and 2015 were three and two respectively. The number of roving teams was largely maintained at 274 and 266 in the winter months of 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. A total of 32 additional roving teams were deployed to enhance work in this respect during the

“Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign in August and September 2015. The actual expenditure on mosquito control and prevention work in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were \$231.3 million and \$243.1 million respectively. The revised estimate of expenditure in 2015-16 is \$253.8 million.

The Department organises annual anti-mosquito campaigns on a territory-wide basis to enhance public awareness of the potential risk of mosquito-borne diseases; encourage community participation; and promote concerted efforts of government departments concerned in anti-mosquito work. To enlist support and active participation of District Councils (DCs) in the campaigns, DC members have been invited to participate in related events and publicity activities, and offer views on the mosquito prevention and control work. The Department does not have a breakdown on the number of requests for enhancing the anti-mosquito work from DCs. In view of the dengue fever situations of areas neighbouring Hong Kong and the spread of Zika virus by mosquito, we will keep up the work on mosquito control and prevention in 2016-17 with an estimated expenditure of \$247.2 million. The Department will continue to convene district task force meetings with major departments concerned, coordinate joint mosquito control operations and invite DC members’ participation in our work in this respect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)097**

**(Question Serial No. 1819)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Of the existing public markets or hawker bazaars under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, how many of them are temporary markets or temporary hawker bazaars? Since when have such temporary markets or temporary hawker bazaars come into operation? How much cost is required for carrying out the maintenance works by the Department each year, and when will such temporary markets or temporary hawker bazaars become permanent?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

Annexes I and II list hawker bazaars and public markets with temporary government land allocation status. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not compile separate statistics on the cost of annual maintenance works for these hawker bazaars and markets. Depending on actual need and circumstances, the Department will endeavour to seek permanent land allocation status for the venues in question.

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### Hawker Bazaars with Temporary Government Land Status

District	Serial No.	Hawker Bazaar	Year of Establishment
Southern	1	Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar	1973
Yau Tsim	2	Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1978
	3	Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976
	4	Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1984
	5	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone A)	1985
	6	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone B)	1985
Kwun Tong	7	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976
Yuen Long	8	Kam Tin Market cum Hawker Bazaar	1965

**Markets with Temporary Government Land Status**

<b>District</b>	<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Name of Temporary Market</b>	<b>Year of Establishment</b>
Shum Shui Po	1	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	1982
	2	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	1992
Yau Tsim	3	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	1978
Kwun Tong	4	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	1983
Yuen Long	5	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	1987
Tsuen Wan	6	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	1984

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)098****(Question Serial No. 1825)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Given media reports that the cleanliness and hygiene conditions of streets have been deteriorating in recent years, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) the expenditure and manpower involved in monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors over the past three years; and
- (2) the assessment criteria adopted by the Department in the selection of contractors in order to ensure proper use of public funds.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 8)Reply:

- (1) The manpower involved in monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors over the past three years is tabulated below.

Staff Involved	No. of Staff (Strength)		
	as at 31 March 2014	as at 31 March 2015	as at 29 February 2016
Health Inspector	38	38	38
Senior Foreman	288	286	287

The staff responsible for monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors are also responsible for performing other duties, such as handling complaints, law enforcement, venue management, etc. Breakdown of the expenditure and manpower for monitoring street cleansing services provided by contractors is not readily available.

- (2) To ensure proper use of public funds, we award street cleansing service contracts by open tender according to the procurement requirements and procedures of the Government. We evaluate the tenders using a marking scheme. Under the marking scheme, the relative weightings of technical score and price score are 30% and 70% respectively. The assessment is carried out in two phases. The first phase involves an assessment of the technical aspects of the tenders including whether the tenders have met mandatory technical requirements. The assessment criteria for technical score comprise the quality of the proposed implementation plans submitted by the tenderer, the proposed wage level and daily maximum working hours of the cleansing workers employed for executing the contract as well as the contractors' service experience/performance track records for relevant government contracts. By established rules, the price proposed should not be looked at at this stage. The second phase involves assessing the prices of all tenders which have met the mandatory technical requirement. The tender with the highest overall score will be accepted by the Government.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)099****(Question Serial No. 1829)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( - ) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Public market facilities are closely related to the daily life of the general public. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (1) the expenditure and manpower involved in the management of public markets in the past three years; and
- (2) whether the Department will allocate further resources in improving the existing facilities of public markets.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 12)Reply:

- (1) The information sought is provided as follows -

		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Expenditure on market management (\$ million)		648.7	741.0	738.1 (Revised estimate)
Manpower	Civil Servant	115	115	115
	Non-civil Service Contract Staff	81	81	81
	Contractors' Staff	187	188	180
	Total	383	384	376

- (2) In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of its public markets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will carry out improvement works in six markets, namely, Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls and refurbishment of toilets.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)100**

**(Question Serial No. 0727)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Department will “continue to take forward the assistance scheme for hawker licensees to improve the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas”.

As such, please advise on the following:

- (1) the number of hawkers benefited from the scheme, as well as the total amount of grants involved, in the past year; and
- (2) the amount reserved for the scheme this year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

- (1) The five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme), which commenced on 3 June 2013, aims to provide one-off financial assistance to about 4 300 hawkers in 43 hawker areas for stall reconstruction and relocation in order to improve fire safety. Besides, an ex-gratia payment (EGP) is offered under the Scheme for voluntary surrender of hawker licences to the Government.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has, since the promulgation of the Scheme in June 2013, received 2 907 applications for financial assistance or EGP. From 3 June 2013 to 31 March 2015, 716 applications have been approved, involving an actual expenditure of \$59.6 million. Between 1 April 2015 and 29 February 2016, 1 090 applications have been approved, involving an actual expenditure of \$49.8 million.



- (2) The Department has reserved \$70 million for use under the Scheme in the 2016-17 financial year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)101**

**(Question Serial No. 0742)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of liquor licence applications received and liquor licences granted in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

Information on the number of liquor licence applications received and liquor licences granted in each of the past 5 years is given below –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Total number of liquor licence applications received	7 274	7 789	8 179	8 630	8 936
Total number of liquor licences granted	6 395	6 781	6 807	7 488	7 743

Note: Applications received include applications for newly issued licences and for renewal, transfer or amendment of licences, whereas licences granted refer to newly issued and renewed licences.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)102**

**(Question Serial No. 2409)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “take action to close public markets which are under-utilised”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Department in determining the closure of a market; whether the Department will conduct any consultation before the closure with due regard to the views of the stakeholders; if yes, the details; if not, the reasons;
- (b) measures taken by the Department to handle the market tenants affected by the closure of markets; whether ex-gratia compensation proposals will be formulated; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reasons; and
- (c) the uses of the premises concerned after closure of these public markets; whether the Department will consider changing the uses of these public markets or stalls, such as re-letting the stalls at low rental to people working in the creative and cultural industries or young people who want to start their own business; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

To enhance the patronage of existing public markets, as an on-going initiative, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts promotional activities. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will attempt to let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce a greater variety of service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

In addition, the Government is following up the Consultant's improvement proposals for the six selected markets in phases. The Department consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated costs and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at those two markets. We will start following up on the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-17.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the Consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

Nonetheless, as a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When considering whether an under-utilised market is to be closed, we will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. The Department will consult the relevant District Council(s) and the market tenants to be affected on any market closure plans.

Before a public market is closed, the Department will draw up exit arrangements for tenants concerned having regard to established policy and past practice. The exit arrangements may include the opportunity to bid for renting a vacant stall in another public market under a restricted auction and the provision of a relocation grant if the affected tenants choose to continue their business. Details of the exit arrangements and the amount of expenditure involved would depend on the circumstances of individual cases.

Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Department, the vacated building space will be handled according to established procedures. Depending on the circumstances, the Government Property Agency, Planning Department or Lands Department may be requested to seek inputs from other government departments on proposals to put the premises to gainful long-term use.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)103**

**(Question Serial No. 2410)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the indicators for various types of hawkers, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers and registered hawker assistants, as well as the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers, in the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015), with a breakdown by district and trade category;
- (b) the number of hawker licences surrendered under the assistance scheme for hawker licensees since the implementation of the scheme in June 2013 and the expenditure involved; and
- (c) given that the five-year assistance scheme has already been implemented for two and a half years, and that, when seeking funding approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Department promised to consider re-issuing the surrendered hawker licences for application by interested parties, whether it will commence the preparation work in advance by conducting a mid-term review of the assistance scheme; if yes, the details, if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided at Annex.
- (b) As at 29 February 2016, we have, under the five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (HAS), approved 497 applications for ex-gratia payment in return for voluntary surrender of fixed-pitch hawker licence. The ex-gratia payment (EGP) involved was \$59.6 million.

- (c) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) reported progress of the HAS to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in December 2015.

The HAS seeks to provide the hawkers concerned with financial incentives to further reduce fire risks posed by on-street hawking activities in the hawker areas. We have made good progress in implementing the scheme since it was launched in June 2013. All 496 hawker stalls located directly in front of staircase discharge points of adjacent building, or obstructing the operation of fire engines or other emergency vehicular access have been acted on by December 2015, namely 429 have completed the relocation exercise and another 67 have voluntarily surrendered their licences and vacated the pitches. The Department would continue to follow up with the remaining hawker stalls and encourage hawkers to reconstruct their stall structures to meet the fire-resisting specifications. Eligible hawkers who have not yet exercised their option to surrender their licence (in return for an EGP) or apply for a grant to reconstruct their stalls may do so before the HAS expires in June 2018.

Going forward, the Department would endeavor to identify areas which could bring about enhancement to the hawking environment in the course of administering the HAS. This may include rationalising the overall layout of hawker stalls where circumstances permit. On whether to re-issue new hawker licences to fill any vacant pitches in the relevant hawker areas, the Department would carefully consider the case at a suitable time, taking into account the circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Council and local residents.

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**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers  
(Position as at 31.12.2013)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central & Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	2	1	13	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
	Bootblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	33	28	6	11	24	21	20	10	0	4	7	30	0	1	211
	Newspaper	72	50	44	4	123	26	25	16	42	14	20	8	17	7	7	2	3	1	481
	Tradesman	86	15	16	0	55	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	180
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	139	59	29	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325
	Other Classes	426	368	340	32	2 443	984	53	0	0*	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 741
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									32									70
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	177									191									368
Registered Hawker Assistant		610	602	397	48	2 261	1 032	61	42	227	26	124	23	24	17	16	33	3	3	5 549
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers		148	36	131	44	256	248	62	21	119	75	18	50	27	78	20	57	13	20	1 463 <sup>#</sup> (1 423+40)

\* Excluding 112 temporary hawker licenses at Hip Wo Street Hawker Bazaar and Mut Wah Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar, where the hawkers will be resited to Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar.

<sup>#</sup> The figure includes 40 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.

No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers  
(Position as at 31.12.2014)

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central & Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	1	1	12	8	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
	Bootblack	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	2	33	25	6	7	24	20	20	10	0	4	7	26	0	1	198
	Newspaper	68	48	41	4	116	25	24	14	40	14	20	8	16	7	7	1	3	1	457
	Tradesman	87	14	16	0	53	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	176
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	137	58	28	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	321
	Other Classes	410	359	320	31	2 363	960	53	0	125	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 716
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									31									69
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	170									186									356
Registered Hawker Assistant		568	517	365	46	2 141	1 042	102	36	190	21	134	23	23	17	14	30	3	3	5 275
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers		148	27	130	41	302	281	63	36	56	69	9	54	40	79	33	47	10	15	1 480 <sup>#</sup> (1 440+40)

<sup>#</sup>The figure includes 40 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.



**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers  
(Position as at 31.12.2015)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central & Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	1	1	11	8	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	Bootblack	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	2	32	24	6	7	24	13	18	10	0	3	7	22	0	1	182
	Newspaper	65	45	39	4	109	23	23	15	37	13	20	8	15	7	6	1	3	1	434
	Tradesman	85	14	15	0	52	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	172
	Wall Stall	29	15	17	14	134	54	28	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	313
	Other Classes	402	350	304	30	2 279	930	51	0	125	0	93	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 567
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	36									30									66
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	165									182									347
Registered Hawker Assistant		548	492	368	50	2 064	1 050	101	31	199	22	119	25	19	14	12	24	1	3	5 142
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers		143	26	55	49	281	411	64	35	100	68	7	51	26	72	35	42	8	15	1 594 <sup>#</sup> (1 488+106)

<sup>#</sup> The figure includes 106 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)104**

**(Question Serial No. 1370)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The litter bins on busy streets in Kowloon West always overflow, and the problem in the area around Fa Yuen Street in Mong Kok is most serious. Bags of refuse, regardless of their sizes, are found scattering all over the ground, not only causing poor hygiene but also creating a public eyesore. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

the number of litter bins placed on the densely populated and busy streets in Kowloon West, the locations concerned, as well as the schedule of waste removal; whether any study has been conducted to examine the reason(s) for the overflow of litter bins so that targeted measures can be taken to improve environmental hygiene; and what publicity measures have been put in place to remind the public that it is an offence to leave behind any waste next to a litter bin.

Asked by: Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

There are 2 130 litter bins placed in Yau Tsim, Mong Kok and Sham Shui Po areas. These bins are placed at bus / public transport stops, street corners, outside theatres and convenient points in public places. The frequency of emptying litter bins varies from five to eight times daily. Given that the Yau Tsim Mong area is a major shopping, dining and entertainment centre frequented by locals and tourists, the usage rate of the litter bins therein is very high. Besides, it is not uncommon to find litter bins in the area choked with large articles like packaging materials as opposed to litter. Thus, the litter bins are filled up quickly. Separately, bagged domestic refuse was found to have been placed beside the litter bins illegally in areas with "3-nil buildings". The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is considering taking targeted measures to improve the situation, such as shifting the location of litter bins, increasing the frequency at which the bins are emptied, educating shop operators / residents, stepping up prosecution actions

against littering offenders, etc. At present, refuse bins are affixed with warning notices to remind members of the public not to put bagged refuse beside the litter bins or else they risk prosecution. To enhance public understanding of the relevant legislation, the Department is taking steps to highlight the warning messages placed on the litter bins and to enhance publicity efforts through the mass media in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)105**

**(Question Serial No. 1371)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As the Department is planning to close public markets which are under-utilised, please advise this Committee of the following:

The number of markets with high vacancy rates in the territory and the timetable for closing the markets concerned; whether the use of these markets will be changed upon their closure, e.g. converting into cooked food centres, elderly centres or places for the provision of child care services; if yes, the details.

Asked by: Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

To enhance the patronage of existing public markets, as an on-going initiative, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts promotional activities. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will appropriately let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce a greater variety of service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

In addition, the Government is following up the Consultant's improvement proposals for the six selected markets in phases. The Department consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated costs and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at those

two markets. We will start following up on the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-2017.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the Consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

Nonetheless, as a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates (the vacancy rates of individual public markets are provided at Annex). When considering whether an under-utilised public market is to be closed, we will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Department, the vacated premises will be handled according to established procedures. Depending on the circumstances, the Government Property Agency, Planning Department or Lands Department may be requested to seek inputs from other government departments on proposals to put the premises to gainful long-term use.

Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with relevant bureaux/departments and District Councils on identification of public markets that may be closed.

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As at 31 December 2015				
Serial No.	Name of Market	No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
1	Aberdeen Market	335	99%	1%
2	Aldrich Bay Market	71	85%	15%
3	Apleichau Market	63	98%	2%
4	Bowrington Road Market	296	99%	1%
5	Causeway Bay Market	51	98%	2%
6	Centre Street Market	46	85%	15%
7	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	94%	6%
8	Chai Wan Market	173	95%	5%
9	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	100%	0%
10	Cheung Chau Market	237	100%	0%
11	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	28	43%	57%
12	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	100%	0%
13	Choi Hung Road Market	116	74%	26%
14	Electric Road Market	99	95%	5%
15	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	100%	0%
16	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	100%	0%
17	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	100%	0%
18	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	88	66%	34%
19	Heung Che Street Market	223	96%	4%
20	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
21	Hung Hom Market	224	100%	0%
22	Hung Shui Kiu Market	215	37%	63%
23	Java Road Market	194	96%	4%
24	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	16	69%	31%
25	Kam Tin Market	41	100%	0%
26	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	93%	7%
27	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	100%	0%
28	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	100%	0%
29	Kowloon City Market	581	98%	2%
30	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
31	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	12	92%	8%
32	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	100%	0%
33	Kwun Chung Market	218	99%	1%

Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
34	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	29	100%	0%
35	Lai Wan Market	42	98%	2%
36	Lam Tei Market	7	100%	0%
37	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	88%	12%
38	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	90%	10%
39	Lockhart Road Market	166	83%	17%
40	Luen Wo Hui Market	338	99%	1%
41	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	100%	0%
42	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	100%	0%
43	Mui Wo Market	35	97%	3%
44	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	89%	11%
45	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	93%	7%
46	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	86%	14%
47	North Kwai Chung Market	222	98%	2%
48	North Point Market	42	98%	2%
49	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	100%	0%
50	Pei Ho Street Market	227	100%	0%
51	Peng Chau Market	18	94%	6%
52	Plover Cove Road Market	244	97%	3%
53	Po On Road Market	449	96%	4%
54	Quarry Bay Market	113	92%	8%
55	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
56	Sai Kung Market	209	99%	1%
57	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	99%	1%
58	Sai Ying Pun Market	102	89%	11%
59	San Hui Market	324	100%	0%
60	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	100%	0%
61	Sha Tin Market	172	100%	0%
62	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	100%	0%
63	Shaukeiwan Market	82	56%	44%
64	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	94%	6%
65	Shek Wu Hui Market	392	100%	0%
66	Sheung Fung Street Market	71	99%	1%
67	Sheung Wan Market	222	99%	1%
68	Shui Wo Street Market	302	99%	1%
69	Smithfield Market	216	100%	0%
70	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	90%	10%

Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
71	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	88%	12%
72	Tai Kiu Market	379	98%	2%
73	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	100%	0%
74	Tai O Market	26	88%	12%
75	Tai Po Hui Market	313	99%	1%
76	Tai Shing Street Market	446	95%	5%
77	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%	0%
78	Tai Wai Market	195	89%	11%
79	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	20	80%	20%
80	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	97%	3%
81	Tin Wan Market	180	100%	0%
82	Tokwawan Market	267	99%	1%
83	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	100%	0%
84	Tsing Yi Market	76	91%	9%
85	Tsuen King Circuit Market	241	21%	79%
86	Tsuen Wan Market	381	93%	7%
87	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	100%	0%
88	Tui Min Hoi Market	34	100%	0%
89	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	359	50%	50%
90	Tung Yick Market	446	42%	58%
91	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	100%	0%
92	Wanchai Market	50	100%	0%
93	Wing Fong Street Market	112	93%	7%
94	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	94%	6%
95	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	97%	3%
96	Yan Oi Market	108	98%	2%
97	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	99%	1%
98	Yee On Street Market	65	95%	5%
99	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	98%	2%
100	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	100%	0%
101	Yue Wan Market	374	97%	3%

\* Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls versus the total number of stalls in a market.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)106**

**(Question Serial No. 2510)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Please advise on the total number of three-colour waste separation bins (three-colour bins) currently placed on public streets in the territory, with a breakdown by the 18 districts.
2. Is there any plan to increase the provision of three-colour bins on streets in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

1. Information on the number of recyclables collection bins (RCBs) provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in a set of three to four bins for collection of waste paper, metal and plastic materials in 2015, broken down by district, is given below –

District	No. of sets of RCBs provided
Eastern	69
Wan Chai	94
Central & Western	145
Southern	71
Islands	130
Kowloon City	69
Kwun Tong	46
Sham Shui Po	57

Wong Tai Sin	38
Yau Tsim Mong	125
Tai Po	159
North	185
Yuen Long	240
Tuen Mun	102
Sai Kung	201
Sha Tin	104
Kwai Tsing	57
Tsuen Wan	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 985</b>

2. The Department's primary objective in waste collection is to maintain environmental hygiene. In 2016-17, we will continue to support the "Hong Kong: Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022" of the Environment Bureau in reducing municipal solid waste, through measures including the provision of RCBs on streets. The Department will also review, from an operational perspective, the number and location of RCBs placed in public places and make adjustment, where appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)107****(Question Serial No. 1275)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of joint departmental operations conducted by the Department against illegal hawking in each of the five years; and what departments were involved; and
- (2) the Department's criteria for deciding whether the raids were conducted in the form of joint operation and what departments were involved.

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 27)Reply:

Hawker management and enforcement duties are undertaken by the Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). Other government departments, such as the Hong Kong Police Force and the Housing Department, may be invited to assist in some of the operations. Whether the raids are conducted in the form of joint operation and whether other departments are involved depend on circumstances specific to each operation, including whether there is real or potential threat to law and order, and whether the operation involves illegal hawkers operating inside public housing estates, etc.

The number of joint operations against illegal hawking in the past five years is set out in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of inter-departmental operation</b>
2011	1 496
2012	1 614
2013	1 867
2014	1 830
2015	1 984

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)108**

**(Question Serial No. 1276)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of convicted prosecution cases against unlicensed hawkers in each of the past two years; and
- (2) the number of convicted prosecution cases against unlicensed hawkers between January and March 2016.

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The number of convictions against unlicensed hawkers in 2014 and 2015 is 28 206 and 23 473 respectively. The number of convictions in January and February 2016 is 1 323 and 985 respectively, and that for March 2016 is not yet available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)109**

**(Question Serial No. 1277)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the resources and manpower allocated by the Department for taking forward and promoting the new hawker policy, as well as the routine duties involved; and
- (2) whether the Department has reviewed the effectiveness of the new hawker policy since its implementation, including striking a balance among the interests of District Councils, residents, tourists and hawkers; and whether the Department will take the initiative to mediate in stakeholders' disputes; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

Hawker management and control is carried out by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) involving a revised estimate of expenditure of about \$1,006 million in 2015-16.

The LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Subcommittee on Hawker Policy (the Subcommittee) was briefed in March 2015 on the principles underpinning the Government's current policy on the management of hawkers.

In gist, the Government seeks to formulate a hawker policy which can strike an optimal balance between allowing licensed hawking business to thrive on the one hand, and meeting other legitimate concerns in addition to ensuring food safety, environmental hygiene, and public security on the other. More specifically, we have laid out before the Subcommittee a number of proposals that the Government is prepared to look into (on top of measures that are being pursued), as follows:

- (a) under the Hawker Assistance Scheme (HAS), all 496 hawker stalls which are located directly in front of staircase discharge points of adjacent buildings or obstructing the operation of fire engines or other emergency vehicular access have been duly relocated. The Department would continue to follow up and encourage more hawkers to reconstruct their stall structures to meet the specified fire safety requirements. In the course of administering the HAS (which will run up to mid-2018), we would endeavour to identify areas which could bring about enhancement to the hawking environment, including rationalising the overall layout of hawker areas where circumstances permit, and enhancing electrical safety;
- (b) on the question of whether we should re-issue new hawker licences to fill vacant pitches in the relevant hawker areas, the Government would carefully consider the case at a suitable time, taking into account the circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Council (DC) and local residents;
- (c) for “Dai Pai Tong” licences, subject to the support of the relevant DCs, we are prepared to consider issuing new Dai Pai Tong licences on a pilot basis;
- (d) on the conversion of public markets with low occupancy rate into off-street cooked food centre, the Government keeps an open mind towards proposals on new modes of hawker operation. We may consider converting, on a pilot basis, an existing public market with a low occupancy rate into an off-street cooked food centre, which would provide operating space for individual cooked food vendors to provide traditional Dai Pai Tong type of cooked meals, traditional snacks or other forms of light refreshment; and
- (e) as regards open-air hawker bazaars, the Government keeps an open mind towards district-led proposals on local bazaars and their mode of operation, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene would not be compromised.

With the support of the relevant DC, one organisation held a bazaar in Sham Shui Po District in the summer of 2015. In November 2015, the Food and Health Bureau received proposals to set up local bazaars in Yuen Long District, North District, Islands District and Sham Shui Po District. We have written to the Chairmen of the relevant DCs and invited them to facilitate the discussion of these proposals at the DCs as soon as practicable.

We are using existing resources to take on the above work. As and when necessary, we would seek additional resources in accordance with established procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)110**

**(Question Serial No. 1278)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of disputes or conflicts between law enforcement officers and hawkers or public members during raiding and joint operations in each of the past five years; and whether there were any injuries during the operations; if yes, the number; and
- (2) whether the Department has reviewed the approaches adopted by law enforcement officers in the raiding and joint operations; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

- (1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep statistics on the number of disputes or conflicts between hawker control officers and hawkers or members of the public in hawker management operations. The number of hawker control team staff injured whilst on duty in the past five years is as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of hawker control team staff injured</b>
2011	66
2012	53
2013	56
2014	36
2015	40

- (2) To ensure that hawker management operations are effectively carried out, the Department has issued operational guidelines to its staff covering issues such as safety consideration during raiding operations, arrest and prosecution procedures. The

guidelines also state clearly that the safety of hawkers, passers-by and hawker control officers is of primary importance. These guidelines are reviewed from time to time in view of changes in operational requirements and feedback from staff.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)111****(Question Serial No. 2002)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the inspections of registered vegetable farms on the Mainland supplying vegetables to Hong Kong in the past year, please provide information on the following:

- 1) the number of registered vegetable farms supplying vegetables to Hong Kong in each province;
- 2) the number of inspections conducted by the Department; whether any targets have been set for the number of inspections; if not, the reason(s); and
- 3) whether there will be an increase in the manpower and expenditure in 2016-17, as well as the details of the post(s) to be created; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 32)Reply:

- 1) The number of registered vegetable farms in the Mainland which may supply vegetables to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province in 2015 is tabulated as follows –

Province	No. of Registered Vegetable Farms
Guangdong	113
Shenzhen	2
Zhuhai	1
Beijing	3
Chongqing	1
Fujian	2

Gansu	9
Guangxi	4
Guizhou	3
Hainan	15
Hebei	15
Henan	14
Hubei	13
Hunan	32
Jiangsu	30
Jiangxi	9
Liaoning	5
Neimongol	2
Ningxia	23
Shandong	79
Shanxi	2
Shanghai	13
Sichuan	3
Tianjin	1
Xiamen	8
Yunnan	34
Zhejiang	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>

- 2) The number of Mainland registered vegetable farms inspected in 2015 was 13. The plan was to inspect up to 20 vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas.
- 3) There is no plan to increase manpower establishment in 2016-17 for the purpose of inspecting registered vegetable farms on the Mainland supplying vegetables to Hong Kong as we have been able to handle the workload by using the existing manpower.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)112**

**(Question Serial No. 2003)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to food safety tests in the past year, please provide information on the following:

- 1) the number of food samples taken for testing and, among them, the number of those from the Mainland; if there is no such classification of samples, the reason(s);
- 2) the number of fruit and vegetable samples found to be unsatisfactory and, among them, the number of those from the Mainland;
- 3) the number of prosecutions instituted pertaining to the fruits and vegetables in question, as well as the maximum and minimum penalties imposed; and
- 4) whether there will be an increase in the manpower and expenditure in 2016-17, as well as the details of the post(s) to be created; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1) The total number of food samples tested in 2015 was about 64 300. There is no breakdown into the number of samples from the Mainland. Source tracing was only conducted for unsatisfactory samples.
- 2) In 2015, a total of 29 700 fruit/fruit products and vegetable/vegetable products were tested by Centre for Food Safety (CFS). Out of the 29 700 samples, a total of 130 samples of fruit/fruit products and vegetable/vegetable products were found to be unsatisfactory. Among the 130 unsatisfactory samples, 87 were from the Mainland,

the main source of food supply for Hong Kong accounting for among others, over 90% of the vegetables imported in 2015. According to the findings of the risk assessment conducted by the CFS on the unsatisfactory samples, normal consumption of the foods concerned would unlikely pose adverse health effects.

- 3) The number of prosecutions against unsatisfactory fruit/fruit products and vegetable/vegetable products in 2015 was 38. The convicted were fined from \$1,500 to \$20,000.
- 4) The revised estimate for carrying out food surveillance work in 2015-16 was \$65.3 million and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 is \$71.1 million. There is no change in the manpower establishment in 2016-17. The current manpower is able to meet operational requirements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)113**

**(Question Serial No. 2545)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. The average number of vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office is 100 per day. Please advise on the daily average number of vehicles carrying vegetables through this inspection checkpoint, the criteria for selecting vehicles for random inspections, and the number of “gate-crashing” vehicles (i.e. vehicles not accepting inspection as instructed) in 2015 and 2016.
2. Please provide information on the manpower, as well as the actual, revised and estimated expenditure, for each of the inspection checkpoints (i.e. checkpoints for food imported by land, air and sea, including Kwai Chung Customhouse) for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

1. In 2015, the average daily number of vegetable vehicles passing through Man Kam To Border Control Point and arriving at Hong Kong was 265 according to the Road Cargo System records of the Customs and Excise Department. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) inspected about 93 vegetable vehicles on average every day at Man Kam To Food Control Office (MKTFCO) in 2015. CFS conducted the food surveillance work by using a risk-based approach, taking into account past food surveillance results, local and overseas food incidents as well as relevant risk analyses etc. From 2015 to 2016 (up to end February), 14 vegetable vehicles did not enter MKTFCO for inspection in spite of the CFS' instructions. Prosecution had been taken out against the drivers of these vegetable vehicles. CFS has also stepped up surveillance against these recalcitrant cases.
2. The manpower deployed for inspecting food imported by land, air and sea (including the food control checkpoint at the Kwai Chung Customhouse) was 78, 56 and 68

respectively for 2014-15, and 78, 54 and 71 respectively for 2015-16. The estimated manpower for 2016-17 is 84, 58 and 79 respectively. The actual, revised and estimated expenditures incurred in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 for food import and export control were \$147.0 million, \$152.6 million and \$152.2 million respectively. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditures incurred for individual inspection facilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)114**

**(Question Serial No. 2672 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-)

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. With regard to the work of continuing to improve the management and upgrade the facilities of public markets and carrying out promotional activities, please provide information on the details of such promotional activities in 2016-17 and the expenditure in this respect.
2. With regard to the work of assisting the Food and Health Bureau in developing proposals for improving the operating environment of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014, please advise on the proposals to be formulated in 2016-17, as well as the manpower and expenditure in this respect.
3. Please advise on the public markets which will be closed in 2016-17.
4. Please advise whether manpower and financial provision were/have been earmarked to assist non-government organisations to promote food grouping and collection in public markets in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; if yes, please advise on the manpower, as well as the actual, revised and estimated expenditure, for these three years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

1. In 2016-17, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will continue to conduct promotional activities to enhance the patronage of existing public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes, publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information as well as other promotional

activities that could help to attract members of the public to visit the public markets. The estimated cost of these promotional activities in 2016-17 is \$7 million.

2. The Consultant selected six representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The six markets are Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Lockhart Road Market and Wing Fong Street Market. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets in phases. In line with existing practices for taking forward market improvement projects, the Department consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at these two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the other four markets in 2016-17. The experience gained and the improvement recommendations taken forward will serve as reference for pursuing improvements to other similar markets in future.

The Consultant also suggested implementing other improvement measures relating to the management, hygiene, as well as marketing and promotion of public markets. As pointed out by the Consultant, the pursuit of these measures will incur additional costs, require additional resources for management, and require the setting of priorities for implementation. On the management of public markets, the Department agrees with the Consultant that priority should be given to tackling inactive stalls and keeping markets clean and hygienic in general. The Department will sustain its promotional efforts with a view to increasing customer flows in public markets and improving business viability. The Department plans to create an additional 13 civil service foreman posts in 2016-17 with an annual expenditure of \$3 million to strengthen the existing manpower in market management.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

3. Despite the abovementioned measures to increase the patronage of existing public markets, as a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When considering whether an under-utilised market is to be closed,



we will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. The Department will work with relevant Bureaux/Departments and District Councils on identification of public markets that may be closed.

4. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) is taking the lead in engaging non-government organisations in source separation of food waste in public markets. We would work closely with EPD in collecting food waste so separated, and have embarked on a pilot project in one selected market in early 2016.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)115****(Question Serial No. 2673)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

1. With regard to inspections to food premises, please provide information as per the table below:

	2013	2014	2015
Number of enforcement actions taken against unlicensed food premises			
Number of enforcement actions taken against unhygienic food premises			
Number of enforcement actions taken against illegal extension of food business area			

2. Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17, it is mentioned that enforcement action will be stepped up against shop front extensions. Please advise on the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure in this respect.
3. Regarding the raiding operations of the Hawker Control Teams, please advise on the actual, revised and estimated expenditure, as well as the average manpower, for launching an operation in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.
4. With regard to street cleansing services, it is mentioned that 34 street washing vehicles will be replaced in 2016-17. Please advise on the estimated serviceable life cycle of each vehicle and the total number of government-owned street washing vehicles in the territory at present.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

1. The information sought is provided in the table below –

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Number of prosecutions against unlicensed food premises	4 573	4 228	3 352
Number of prosecutions against unhygienic food premises	538	352	420
Number of prosecutions against illegal extension of food business area	6 030	3 498	2 003

2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will set up two additional task force squads in 2016-17 comprising two Senior Hawker Control Officer, four Hawker Control Officer, 16 Assistant Hawker Control Officer and four Workman I posts to further strengthen enforcement action and regulatory measures against illegal shop front extensions at blackspots across the territory. The estimated expenditure involved is about \$7.1 million.
3. The actual manpower involved in each operation varies. The Department does not keep statistics on the manpower and expenditure involved in each operation.
4. The average serviceable lifespan of a street washing vehicle is about nine years. At present, the Department has 36 street washing vehicles.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)116**

**(Question Serial No. 0590)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the indicator for mosquito breeding places eliminated, please advise on the reason(s) for the significant increase in the number for two successive years, as well as the details and effectiveness of the work concerned in 2015. Please also advise whether sufficient resources have been earmarked with relevant measures drawn up, including the deployment of manpower and allocation of resources, to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases; if yes, please give details of the work, the manpower and the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

In 2014 and 2015, 49 425 and 55 353 mosquito breeding places were eliminated respectively. The increase in 2015 was attributable to the enhanced mosquito prevention and control measures taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in public places in response to a number of confirmed local cases of Japanese encephalitis and dengue fever in that year. In addition to about 700 departmental staff responsible for pest control (including mosquito control), the Department engages private contractors to provide pest control services in the territory through roving teams. In the wet season from April to October 2015, 266 roving teams (with a workforce of about 1 600) were deployed to undertake mosquito control work during that period. The Department has deployed largely the same number of roving teams in the winter months in the last two years to sustain the efforts in mosquito control and prevention. A total of 32 additional roving teams were also deployed to enhance work in this respect during the “Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign in August and September 2015. We would keep up the work on mosquito control and prevention in 2016-17 with an estimated expenditure of \$247.2 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)117**

**(Question Serial No. 0591)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the indicator for pest control surveys conducted, please advise on the reason(s) for the increase in the number for two successive years, as well as the details and effectiveness of the work concerned in 2015. As it is estimated that the number will continue to increase in the current year, please also advise whether sufficient resources have been earmarked with relevant measures drawn up, including the deployment of manpower and allocation of resources; if yes, please give details of the work, the manpower and the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

In 2014 and 2015, 7 702 and 8 043 pest control surveys were conducted respectively. The increase was mainly attributable to (i) the increase in the number of investigations relating to vector-borne diseases; (ii) the strengthening of dengue vector surveillance in the community, whereby the number of locations covered by the survey is increased from 44 to 52, and the frequency of the surveillance in port areas from once per month to once every fortnight (other than the Airport which is as before subject to surveillance on a weekly basis); and (iii) the extension of the Japanese encephalitis vector surveillance to cover Tuen Mun, North, Sai Kung, Kwai Tsing, Southern and Sham Shui Po districts in addition to Yuen Long district. A total of six Non-Civil Service Contract staff have been employed for implementation of the strengthened measures. It is anticipated that the enhanced vector surveillance programmes would continue in 2016 with the addition of three civil service staff. The revised estimated expenditure in 2015-16 and estimated expenditure in 2016-17 in this respect is \$33.4 million and \$34.3 million respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)118**

**(Question Serial No. 0129)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide details of the enforcement actions taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against unlicensed hawkers and licensed hawkers in the past three years, including the number of enforcement actions taken, manpower deployed, the number of verbal warnings issued and prosecutions instituted, as well as the amount of fines involved (with a breakdown by 18 District Environmental Hygiene Offices, and by unlicensed hawkers and licensed hawkers).

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

Information on the number of raids and prosecutions against licensed hawkers and unlicensed hawkers, broken down by district, and the amount of fines involved in 2013 to 2015 is provided at Annex.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep separate statistics on the manpower deployed for the above work by category, or the number of verbal warnings issued against licensed and unlicensed hawkers.

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**Number of raids and prosecutions against licensed hawkers and unlicensed hawkers  
and amount of fines involved in 2013 to 2015**

**Annex**

District	2013					2014					2015				
	Number of raids	Licensed Hawker		Unlicensed Hawker		Number of raids	Licensed Hawker		Unlicensed Hawker		Number of raids	Licensed Hawker		Unlicensed Hawker	
		Number of prosecutions	Total amount of fines(\$)	Number of prosecutions	Total amount of fines(\$)		Number of prosecutions	Total amount of fines(\$)	Number of prosecutions	Total amount of fines(\$)		Number of prosecutions	Total amount of fines(\$)	Number of prosecutions	Total amount of fines(\$)
Central and Western	6 681	190	3,041,490	964	13,084,154	6 971	488	2,987,995	945	13,411,955	6 232	381	3,103,230	994	11,862,082
Wan Chai	4 684	963		2 435		5 486	1 293		1 999		5 770	1 224		2 009	
Eastern	3 700	488		3 885		4 102	475		3 561		4 180	418		2 261	
Southern	2 055	7		847		2 040	11		780		1 995	3		709	
Yau Tsim Mong	13 801	1 613		3 870		15 188	1 072		3 300		13 559	934		3 712	
Sham Shui Po	9 333	506		2 543		10 532	780		2 325		12 001	645		2 234	
Kowloon City	7 125	17		1 296		6 284	21		1 340		5 238	12		1 085	
Wong Tai Sin	2 633	4		496		2 820	8		734		2 789	22		878	
Kwun Tong	4 192	153		1 077		4 747	62		650		5 152	68		370	
Kwai Tsing	8 160	49		893		7 959	33		838		7 433	30		768	
Tsuen Wan	7 405	32		2 173		7 422	106		1 632		6 711	118		1 876	
Tuen Mun	6 672	2		1 285		6 731	41		1 073		5 866	38		545	
Yuen Long	10 469	432		4 091		11 761	440		4 255		10 756	344		3 435	
North	7 488	223		511		7 814	244		534		7 687	167		720	
Tai Po	9 478	63		2 222		9 577	18		1 328		8 894	14		781	
Shatin	7 651	52		296		7 903	81		361		6 593	71		320	
Sai Kung	6 824	1		277		6 786	2		197		5 252	1		136	
Islands	543	3		82		561	8		173		594	3		221	
Total	118 894	4 798	3,041,490	29 243	13,084,154	124 684	5 183	2,987,995	26 025	13,411,955	116 702	4 493	3,103,230	23 054	11,862,082

Note: Further breakdown on the amount of fines by district is not available.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)119**

**(Question Serial No. 0132)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of enforcement actions taken, manpower deployed, as well as the number of verbal warnings issued and prosecutions instituted, by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against unlicensed hawkers during the Lunar New Year period this year, with a breakdown by 18 District Environmental Hygiene Offices.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers during the Lunar New Year period in 2016, i.e. between 7 and 10 February 2016, broken down by 18 districts is provided at Annex. Tackling unlicensed hawkers is an integral part of the multifaceted role of the District Environmental Hygiene Offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The Department therefore does not keep separate breakdown on the manpower deployed or the number of verbal warnings issued against unlicensed hawkers.

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**Number of prosecutions against unlicensed hawkers  
(between 7 and 10 February 2016)**

District	Number of prosecutions *
Central and Western	2
Wan Chai	14
Eastern	0
Southern	0
Islands	0
Yau Tsim Mong	18
Sham Shui Po	7
Kowloon City	0
Wong Tai Sin	0
Kwun Tong	3
Kwai Tsing	0
Tsuen Wan	0
Tuen Mun	3
Yuen Long	13
North	9
Tai Po	0
Shatin	2
Sai Kung	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

\* An unlicensed hawker may be prosecuted under different provisions of the relevant legislation based on evidence on the ground.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)120**

**(Question Serial No. 2566 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned that the Department will “step up enforcement action against shop front extensions (SFEs)”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of complaints against SFEs received in the past five years (i.e. from 2011 to 2015), with a breakdown by year and district;
- (b) given that the duty of taking enforcement action against SFEs was mainly carried out by staff of the Hawker Control Officer grade of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past, the staff establishment and strength of the grade in the past five years, with a breakdown by year and rank; and
- (c) the grade(s) to be responsible for the enforcement work relating to the fixed penalty legislation against SFEs, which will come into effect in the immediate future; whether additional manpower will be provided in this respect; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is given at Annex I.
- (b) The information sought is given at Annex II.
- (c) The Hawker Control Officer (HCO) Grade staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will continue to be the major workforce tasked to tackle shop front extension (SFE) offences. In 2016-17, the Department will set up two additional task force teams comprising 22 HCO grade staff and four workmen to strengthen enforcement action against SFEs across the territory.

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### Number of complaints against shop front extensions

District	Year				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	709	686	445	631	563
Wan Chai	677	561	537	700	688
Eastern	4 830	3 311	2 946	2 655	1 615
Southern	212	200	211	155	282
Islands	153	127	132	94	125
Yau Tsim	1 501	1 080	1 202	944	767
Mong Kok	1 444	1 508	1 246	1 108	1 777
Sham Shui Po	1 081	1 374	2 023	2 401	2 204
Kowloon City	704	724	1 254	1 234	1 152
Wong Tai Sin	566	649	822	456	377
Kwun Tong	1 185	994	1 010	651	409
Kwai Tsing	619	801	541	410	290
Tsuen Wan	2 986	3 520	2 695	921	893
Tuen Mun	751	568	594	386	373
Yuen Long	1 417	1 849	1 755	4 087	1 517
North	456	515	520	710	468
Tai Po	779	850	973	622	340
Shatin	691	559	758	436	333
Sai Kung	282	285	259	250	201
Total	21 043	20 161	19 923	18 851	14 374

**Staff establishment of Hawker control officer grade  
(2011– 2015)**

Year	Rank	Establishment
2011 (as at 1 April 2011)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	229
	Hawker Control Officer	312
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 593
	Grade Total	2 204
2012 (as at 1 April 2012)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	229
	Hawker Control Officer	312
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 593
	Grade Total	2 204
2013 (as at 1 April 2013)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	229
	Hawker Control Officer	312
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 593
	Grade Total	2 204
2014 (as at 1 April 2014)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	230
	Hawker Control Officer	312
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 597
	Grade Total	2 209
2015 (as at 1 April 2015)	Principal Hawker Control Officer	21
	Chief Hawker Control Officer	49
	Senior Hawker Control Officer	231
	Hawker Control Officer	312
	Assistant Hawker Control Officer	1 597
	Grade Total	2 210

The strength of the Hawker Control Officer grade in the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (position as at 1 April of the respective year) was 2 107, 2 095, 2 103, 2 079 and 2 145 respectively.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)121**

**(Question Serial No. 2567)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the number of staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department by programme, please advise on the following:

- (a) the staff establishment and strength of the Department at present, as well as the expenditure involved, with a breakdown by grades and ranks;
- (b) given the incident that a hawker control officer was killed when he was performing duties alone last year, whether the Department will consider implementing a system for its staff to perform patrol duties in pairs; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s); and
- (c) the number of staff in the Department currently working on five-day week, with a breakdown by grades and ranks; whether the Department will consider implementing the five-day work week for staff of all grades; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As at 1 March 2016, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has an establishment of 11 186 posts, with a strength of 10 027.

The establishment comprises 15 directorate posts and 11 171 non-directorate posts in different departmental grades and ranks (including Assistant Director of Municipal Services; Health Inspector; Hawker Control Officer; Pest Control Assistant and Pest Control Officer) as well as general and common grades (including Accounting Officer; Administrative Officer; Agricultural Officer; Analyst/Programmer; Artisan; Calligraphist; Chemist; Clerical Assistant; Clerical Officer; Computer Operator; Confidential Assistant; Consultant; Controller, Centre for Food Safety; Data Processor; Driving Instructor; Executive Officer; Field Assistant; Field Officer; Fisheries Officer; Foreman; Government Transport Manager; Information Officer; Laboratory Attendant; Management Services Officer; Mechanical Inspector; Medical and Health Officer; Motor Driver; Occupational Safety Officer; Office Assistant; Official Languages Officer; Personal Secretary; Photographer; Projectionist; Registered Nurse; Science Laboratory Technician; Scientific Officer (Medical); Senior Artisan; Special Driver; Statistical Officer; Statistician; Supplies Assistant; Supplies Officer; Supplies Supervisor; Technical Officer (Cultural Services); Training Officer; Transport Services Officer; Treasury Accountant; Typist; Veterinary Officer; and Works Supervisor; Ganger; Property Attendant; Supplies Attendant; Workman I; and Workman II).

In 2015-16, the revised estimate of personal emoluments and personnel related expenses is around \$3,206 million.

- (b) To ensure that hawker management operations are effectively carried out, the Department has issued operational guidelines covering issues such as staff deployment, safety considerations during raiding operations, and arrest and prosecution procedures. The guidelines state clearly that the safety of hawkers, passers-by and hawker control officers is of primary importance. They are reviewed from time to time in the light of changes in operational requirements and feedback from staff. To further enhance the efficacy of field operations, a review on the existing radio communication system is in progress. In addition, a series of new training programmes including self defence course and self-learning videos have been provided to better equip staff with skills in handling difficult situations.
- (c) At present, about 4 700 (47%) of the civil servants in the Department are working on a five-day week, comprising 1 300 staff in departmental grades and 3 400 staff in general and common grades.

Without detracting from service to the community, the Department will continue to explore options for migrating more civil servants to the five-day week work mode, subject to compliance with the relevant governing principles applicable to the civil service as a whole (i.e. no additional staffing resources would be entailed; no reduction in the conditioned hours of service of individual staff; no reduction in emergency services; and continued provision of some essential counter services on Saturdays).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)122****(Question Serial No. 2568)**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:

With regard to the aim “to facilitate agricultural and fisheries production and improve productivity”, please advise on the respective share of food supplied locally and imported into Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015) as per the table below:

	Share of food supplied locally (%)	Share of food imported (%)		
		Country A	Country B	Country C
Rice				
Vegetables				
Live cattle				
Live goats				
Live pigs				
Live chickens				
Other live poultry				
Live Fish				
Chilled or frozen beef				
Chilled or frozen mutton				
Chilled or frozen pork				
Chilled or frozen chicken				
Chilled or frozen poultry				
Chilled or frozen fish				

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The respective percentages of food supplied locally and imported into Hong Kong in 2013, 2014 and 2015 are shown as follows –

(a) 2013

Food item	Share of food supplied locally (%)	Share of food imported (%) by top three jurisdictions		
Rice	0	Thailand (44.9)	Vietnam (40.2)	Mainland (7.4)
Vegetables	1.9	Mainland (90.4)	USA (2.1)	Australia (1.1)
Live cattle	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live goats	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live pigs	5.8	Mainland (94.2)	-	-
Live chickens	62.5	Mainland (37.5)	-	-
Other live poultry	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live fish	5.8	Mainland (81.2)	Philippines (3.4)	Indonesia (3.0)
Chilled beef	0	Australia (41.9)	USA (31.8)	Brazil (12.7)
Frozen beef	0	Brazil (52.4)	USA (35.3)	Canada (6.2)
Chilled mutton	0	Australia (41.9)	New Zealand (34.8)	Chile (11.2)
Frozen mutton	0	Australia (56.1)	New Zealand (24.6)	Mainland (7.1)
Chilled pork	0	Mainland (94.3)	Australia (1.6)	Canada (1.1)
Frozen pork	0	Brazil (36.3)	Mainland (19.5)	Netherlands (11.6)
Chilled chicken	0	Mainland (98.7)	Thailand (0.7)	Australia (0.5)
Frozen chicken	0	Brazil (45.9)	USA (21)	Mainland (9)
Chilled poultry	0	Mainland (99)	Thailand (0.4)	Australia (0.3)



Frozen poultry	0	Brazil (44.2)	USA (20.6)	Mainland (9.2)
Chilled and frozen fish	22.6	Mainland (31.9)	Vietnam (12.9)	Norway (12.3)

(b) 2014

Food item	Share of food supplied locally (%)	Share of food imported (%) by top three jurisdictions		
Rice	0	Thailand (49.1)	Vietnam (37.1)	Mainland (6.8)
Vegetables	1.9	Mainland (90.7)	USA (2.4)	Australia (1.1)
Live cattle	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live goats	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live pigs	5.1	Mainland (94.9)	-	-
Live chickens	81.6	Mainland (18.4 <sup>@</sup> )	-	-
Other live poultry	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live fish	6.5	Mainland (82.3)	Philippines (3.3)	Thailand (2.2)
Chilled beef	0	Australia (38.5)	USA (24.3)	Mainland (16)
Frozen beef	0	Brazil (52.2)	USA (33.4)	Canada (4.1)
Chilled mutton	0	Australia (50.8)	New Zealand (35.4)	UK (11)
Frozen mutton	0	Australia (45.5)	New Zealand (28.7)	UK (13)
Chilled pork	0	Mainland (93.2)	Australia (2)	Canada (1.3)
Frozen pork	0	Brazil (29.9)	Mainland (23)	Germany (14.3)
Chilled chicken	0	Mainland (98.1)	Thailand (0.8)	Australia (0.5)
Frozen chicken	0	Brazil (39.1)	USA (31)	Mainland (7.8)
Chilled poultry	0	Mainland (98.7)	Thailand (0.4)	Australia (0.3)
Frozen poultry	0	Brazil (37.9)	USA (30.4)	Mainland (8.2)

Chilled and frozen fish	30.5	Mainland (29.4)	Norway (11.7)	Vietnam (11.6)
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(c) 2015

Food item	Share of food supplied locally (%)	Share of food imported (%) by top three jurisdictions		
Rice	0	Thailand (56.5)	Vietnam (30)	Mainland (6.4)
Vegetables	1.9	Mainland (90.6)	USA (2.3)	Australia (1.4)
Live cattle	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live goats	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live pigs	5.1	Mainland (94.9)	-	-
Live chickens	98.5	Mainland (1.5 <sup>#</sup> )	-	-
Other live poultry	0	Mainland (100)	-	-
Live fish	5.4	Mainland (84.7)	Philippines (2.5)	Indonesia (1.7)
Chilled beef	0	Australia (46.3)	USA (23)	Brazil (16.4)
Frozen beef	0	Brazil (50.8)	USA (36)	Canada (3.4)
Chilled mutton	0	Australia (58.7)	New Zealand (34.3)	UK (4.5)
Frozen mutton	0	New Zealand (32.3)	Australia (27.5)	Mainland (23.2)
Chilled pork	0	Mainland (92.6)	Australia (2.4)	Canada (1.9)
Frozen pork	0	Brazil (29.9)	Mainland (21.3)	Germany (11.4)
Chilled chicken	0	Mainland (98.4)	Thailand (0.8)	Australia (0.5)
Frozen chicken	0	USA (40.3)	Brazil (36.2)	Mainland (9.4)
Chilled poultry	0	Mainland (98.9)	Thailand (0.5)	Australia (0.3)
Frozen poultry	0	USA (39.8)	Brazil (35)	Mainland (9.5)
Chilled and frozen fish	29.2	Mainland (31.7)	Norway (10.8)	Vietnam (10.4)

Remarks:

The above information is compiled from data kept by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Census and Statistics Department and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

@ There was no import of live chickens from the Mainland from 28 January to 5 September 2014.

# Import of live chickens from the Mainland was last suspended as from 31 December 2014 due to the temporary closure of the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) after the detection of a H7 avian influenza positive consignment of imported live poultry. Trading of live poultry at CSWTWPM resumed on 22 January 2015. However, there was no import of live poultry until 10 February 2015 and the import quantity has since been significantly reduced compared to the average in the past.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)123**

**(Question Serial No. 0962)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

During 2016-17, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to enhance the viability of public markets by improving management, upgrading facilities, providing a more flexible mix of trade, and carrying out promotional activities. Please provide information on the specific measures to improve the management and upgrade the facilities of public markets in the coming year, and on the estimated expenditure and manpower in this respect. Please also advise whether the rising market rental, which would put stall holders under pressure and cause prices to rise, has been monitored; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The consultant commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau put forward recommendations on the functions and positioning of public markets, ways to improve their operating environment and the modes of management of public markets. The consultant selected six representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets by phases. Specifically, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at these two markets, and the implementation timetable will be worked out accordingly. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-17. The experience gained and the improvement

recommendations taken forward will serve as reference for pursuing improvements to other similar markets in future.

In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls and refurbishment of toilets.

At the same time, as an on-going initiative, the Department will continue to conduct promotional activities to enhance the patronage of existing public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will attempt to let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce a greater variety of service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets. The estimated cost of these promotional activities in 2016-17 is \$7 million. The Department also plans to create an additional 13 civil service foreman posts in 2016-17 with an annual expenditure of \$3 million to strengthen the existing manpower in market management.

In 1998, due to the then poor state of the economy, the rental of public markets was reduced across-the-board by 30% and has since been frozen at the reduced level. The rental freeze has been extended in 2015 to 30 June 2017. Not only does the low market rental lead to operating deficits in the management of public markets, resulting in subsidisation of commercial operations by public money, it also causes various management problems. The absence of a reasonable rental adjustment mechanism that incentivizes tenants to put their stalls to optimal use is hardly conducive to the vibrancy of the markets. In fact, some tenants use public market stalls as a low-cost storage facility for their business operation elsewhere. The Government hitherto presented three different rental adjustment proposals to the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (the Panel) in July 2009, December 2010 and January 2013 respectively. LegCo Members did not support the proposals.

The Government considers it necessary to identify a reasonable rental adjustment mechanism. Deliberation and consultation with other relevant bureau/departments are ongoing. The Government aims to revert to the Panel with a proposal in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)124**

**(Question Serial No. 0963)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The work of market management and hawker control involves controlling and containing on-street hawking activities and obstruction; managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars; and taking enforcement actions. Please advise on the estimated expenditure and manpower in this respect. Please also advise whether there is any plan to discuss assigning specific hawking permitted places and hawker bazaars in the Lunar New Year period with District Councils and hawker representatives, so as to facilitate management and control; if yes, the details, including the estimated expenditure and manpower in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

The Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), which consists of 2 243 staff, is responsible for hawker management and control. The estimated expenditure in 2016-17 is \$1,073 million.

The Government is committed to implementing a hawker policy which can strike an optimal balance between allowing licensed hawking business to thrive on the one hand and meeting other legitimate concerns such as avoiding unreasonable nuisance to the local community in addition to ensuring food safety, environmental hygiene and public security on the other hand. We keep an open mind towards proposals for developing the hawker trade or the establishment of open-air bazaars or night markets with local characteristics, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, public passageways are not obstructed and local community support is obtained. If suitable sites are identified and support from the relevant district councils has been obtained and provided that food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, the Department stands ready to facilitate liaison with relevant government departments. Existing resources will continue to be deployed to carry out the said facilitation work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)125****(Question Serial No. 0992)**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:

In 2014 and 2015, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department conducted 52 601 and 54 533 trappings respectively. Please advise on the number of rodents trapped in each of the 18 districts, as well as the expenditure and manpower involved; and whether the Department has worked together with district councillors and legislative councillors to enhance the anti-rodent work.

Asked by: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 62)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

(a)

District	Number of rodents trapped	
	2014	2015
Central and Western	952	1 328
Eastern	937	1 049
Southern	175	289
Wan Chai	1 029	1 123
Islands	234	243
Kowloon City	1 562	1 365
Kwun Tong	168	267
Wong Tai Sin	245	305

Sham Shui Po	581	613
Mong Kok	1 809	1 846
Yau Tsim	508	458
Sha Tin	544	678
Tai Po	677	689
North	411	333
Kwai Tsing	202	260
Tsuen Wan	851	1 024
Tuen Mun	470	424
Yuen Long	460	483
Sai Kung	130	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 945</b>	<b>12 942</b>

- (b) The actual expenditure on rodent control work for 2014-15 was \$156.2 million. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$160.9 million. In 2014 and 2015, the number of staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors deployed for pest control services was about 2 310 and 2 400 respectively.
- (c) The Department has been organising anti-rodent campaigns on an annual basis. District councillors and legislative councillors were invited to participate in related events and publicity activities, and offer views to enhance the rodent control work in 2014 and 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)126**

**(Question Serial No. 3106)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the staff establishment and operational expenses for market management and hawker control under Programme (3), please provide information on the following:

1. the expenses on staff salaries, allowances and job-related allowances respectively as well as the personnel related expenses;
2. among the 3 701 staff, the number of staff on Directorate Pay Scale and their ranks;
3. the expenses pertaining to directorate civil servants in respect of each of the items mentioned in Point (1), and their percentage; and
4. the amount of departmental expenses and non-recurrent expenses (if any) for this programme

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

1. The estimated provision for staff salaries, allowances and job-related allowances as well as the personnel related expenses under Programme (3) for 2016-17 is as follows:

	\$ million
Salaries	1,010.4
Allowances and job-related allowances	18.3
Personnel related expenses (i.e. Mandatory Provident Fund and Civil Service Provident Fund contributions)	39.8
Total	1,068.5

2. The establishment of 3 701 staff for Programme (3) includes its share of one D3 officer and three D2 officers whose major duties relate to both Programmes (2) and (3), as well as other relevant directorate officers in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department who are responsible for indirect supervision or support functions for the programme.
3. The share of the salaries of the four directorate officers in question is \$2.3 million in 2016-17 which represents 0.23% of the total provision for salaries under Programme (3). The share of the relevant expenses of other directorate officers under the programme is not readily available.
4. The estimated provision for departmental expenses and capital/non-recurrent expenditure is \$654.1 million and \$173.4 million respectively for this programme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)127**

**(Question Serial No. 1739)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the indicator “food complaints handled”, the estimated number in 2016 is increased to 5 100, which is higher than the figures in the past two years. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (a) the reason(s) for the increase; and
- (b) whether the Department has allocated additional manpower and resources, or considered setting up a task force, to handle food complaints and food poisoning cases.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of food complaints handled by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2014 and 2015 were 4 596 and 5 036 respectively. The number of food complaints in 2016 is estimated to be 5 100, about the same level as in 2015.
- (b) Food complaints are currently handled by a dedicated team of staff in the Centre for Food Safety, with an establishment of 21 staff.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)128**

**(Question Serial No. 0640)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The overall Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR) for 2014 was 3.2%, marking the highest rate since 2010. In the first half of 2015, the RIR remained at 3.2%. Two years ago, the Audit Commission also criticised the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for using the same 41 areas for rodent surveillance in the past 10 years and considered that the insufficient geographical coverage might undermine the representativeness of the RIR for a district, thus rendering the public doubtful about the effectiveness of the rodent control work of the Department. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the resources allocated by the Department for rodent control work in the past three years;
2. whether the Department has assessed the effectiveness of the anti-rodent measures; if yes, the findings of the assessment; if not, the reason(s); and
3. given the rodent infestation problem, whether new measures have been implemented having regard to the practices of other countries/regions (such as distributing rodent cage traps to the residents of the old buildings where the problem is more serious) for rodent control.

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

1. The actual expenditure on rodent control work for 2013-14 and 2014-15 was \$151.6 million and \$156.2 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$160.9 million.
2. The Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR) in 2013, 2014 and 2015 was 3.1%, 3.2% and 3.0% respectively. At such a level, the RIR suggests that the rodent problem in public

areas remains generally under control. The RIR is not the only factor that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) considers when assessing the actual situation of rodent infestation in a district. In addition to the RIR, frontline staff of the Department also take into account the trails left by rodents, complaint figures and the views of the local community and the public in identifying problematic locations for rodent prevention and control actions.

3. The Department will continue to keep in view the methods of disease vector surveillance recommended by the World Health Organisation and adopted by other cities. We keep an open mind on adopting or trying out methods that are suitable for use in local circumstances for further improving the effectiveness of our rodent infestation survey. The Department will also continue to enhance rodent control work and launch district-specific rodent control measures in districts with a higher RIR, including publicity and educational programmes to promote greater community involvement in rodent control and prevention, in addition to its regular pest control work and annual territory-wide publicity campaigns.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)129**

**(Question Serial No. 0641)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) No Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the training of rodent control staff by the Government, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. details of the training for rodent control staff, as well as the expenditure and manpower in this respect, in the past three years;
2. whether the Department has assessed the effectiveness of the training currently provided; if yes, the findings of the assessment; if not, the reason(s); and
3. the expenditure for training rodent control staff in 2016-17 and details of the work plan for the next three years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

1. Rodent control is an integral part of the induction and refresher training courses of the pest control training programme provided to all staff in the health inspectorate and foremen grade staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The training covers, among other topics, rodent biology, survey and control, and the application and safe use of pesticides. A total of eight departmental staff is involved in the provision of training on pest control as well as other subjects such as market management, street cleansing, etc. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure relating to the training for rodent control staff.
2. Upon completion of the training sessions, attendees are required to evaluate the training programmes and provide feedback to help ensure the programmes' relevance and effectiveness. The Training Section also holds an annual "Liaison Group Meeting" with grade management and district staff, and visits district environmental

hygiene offices on a regular basis to solicit the views of staff concerned. The feedback received has been positive.

3. The Department does not keep separate statistics on the expenditure spent on training rodent control staff in 2016-17 as the trainers are also responsible for other training programmes. We will continue to monitor the training needs and adjust the training programmes as and when necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)130**

**(Question Serial No. 0644)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

I have received complaints concerning bedbug infestation in Kowloon West districts. With regard to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's work on the control and eradication of bedbugs, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. details of the work on the control and eradication of bedbugs, as well as the expenditure involved, in the past three years;
2. whether the Department has assessed the effectiveness of the control and eradication of bedbugs; if yes, the findings of the assessment; and
3. whether professional training, such as training programmes or seminars conducted by experts, or study/interflow visits to countries/regions with notable achievement in bedbug control, was provided for staff engaged in the control and eradication of bedbugs in the past three years; and whether there are plans to organise such activities in the next three years; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

1. Our pest control work focuses on the prevention and control of breeding of disease vectors, including rodents, mosquitoes and other arthropod pests with medical importance. There is at present no known evidence which indicates that bedbug spreads diseases. Bedbug is considered a nuisance pest more commonly found indoors, in such places as the cracks on walls in bed room, folds and tufts of mattresses, the upholstery of chairs and sofa, etc. At present, a good number of private companies that provide pest control services are available in the market. Starting from 2014, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has implemented bedbugs preventive measures on furniture disposed of



in refuse collection points (RCPs) managed by the Department. A total of 2 780 and 1 375 disinfestation operations were performed in the RCPs in 2014 and 2015 respectively. The Department has also closely liaised with Housing Department (HD), provided expert advice on the handling of bedbug infestation to HD according to the situation of individual estates, and held talks on the prevention and control of bedbugs. Moreover, to help the public better understand the problem of bedbug, the Department has uploaded information on bedbug control onto its website, published relevant leaflets for general reference and organized thematic talks for members of the public. The Department does not keep breakdown on the expenditure involved in the disinfestation operations.

2. In 2014 and 2015, the Department received 33 and 27 complaints about bedbug infestation respectively. The bedbug preventive and disinfestation measures now in use are generally effective. There is no indication of bedbug infestation spreading in the community. The Department will monitor the situation closely.
3. Staff of the Department have established contact with experts in other countries and cities through attending international pest control conferences organized by the National Pest Management Association of U.S.A., the Confederation of European Pest Control Associations and the Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers Association, etc. The Department will continue to arrange suitable professional training for its staff to keep them abreast of the latest methods and strategies in pest control.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)131**

**(Question Serial No. 0645)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the anti-mosquito work of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. details of the anti-mosquito work, as well as the expenditure involved, in the past three years;
2. whether the Department has assessed the effectiveness of the anti-mosquito work; if yes, the findings of the assessment; and
3. whether professional training, such as training programmes or seminars conducted by experts, or study/interflow visits to countries/regions with notable achievement in mosquito control, was provided for staff engaged in anti-mosquito work in the past three years; and whether there are plans to organise such activities in the next three years; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has adopted an integrated approach in the prevention and control of mosquitoes. Under this approach, the Department implemented a dengue vector surveillance programme to monitor the distribution of *Aedes albopictus* at selected areas, evaluate the effectiveness of mosquito prevention and control work carried out by various parties, and provide surveillance information to the public and for making timely adjustments to its mosquito control strategies and measures. Moreover, the Department organizes annual anti-mosquito campaigns on a territory-wide basis to enhance public awareness of the potential risk of mosquito-borne diseases, encourage community participation and promote concerted efforts of government departments concerned in anti-mosquito

work. The actual expenditure on mosquito control work for 2013-14 and 2014-15 was \$231.3 million and \$243.1 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$253.8 million.

2. In view of the dengue fever situations of areas neighbouring Hong Kong and the spread of Zika virus by mosquitoes, anti-mosquito work has been enhanced. The Department has increased the number of dengue vector surveillance areas in the community from 44 to 52, strengthened the Japanese encephalitis vector surveillance and increased the frequency of dengue vector surveillance in port areas from once per month to once every fortnight (while maintaining that for the Airport at a weekly interval). The number of contractors' pest control teams during the winter months (December 2015 to March 2016) is maintained at the same level as in summer 2015. Based on the surveillance results, the anti-mosquito work in Hong Kong is considered effective. Nonetheless, the Department will remain vigilant. We will convene district task force meetings with major departments concerned as and when necessary; coordinate joint mosquito control operations; and work with District Council members to promote mosquito control work in the local community.
3. Staff of the Department have established contact with experts in other countries and cities through attending international conferences organized by the National Pest Management Association of U.S.A., the Confederation of European Pest Management Associations and the Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers Associations, etc. The Department will continue to arrange suitable professional training for its staff to keep them abreast of the latest methods and strategies in pest control.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)132**

**(Question Serial No. 0655 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (3): Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 , it is mentioned that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will assist the Food and Health Bureau in developing proposals for improving the operating environment of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014. With regard to the implementation of the recommendations of the Consultancy Study on Ways to Improve the Operating Environment of Public Markets, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. the expenditure on improving the operating environment of public markets over the past three years and the expenditure on each type of projects;
2. whether the financial provision in this respect will increase in 2016-17; if yes, the rate of the increase; and
3. as the Government has indicated that the relevant Market Management Consultative Committees will need to be consulted before finalisation of the improvement measures, the progress of the consultation concerned, as well as the expected timetable for launching and finalising the improvement plans.

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

1. The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out as follows -

Year	Expenditure on completed market improvement projects (\$million)
2013-14	22.2
2014-15	9.5
2015-16 (Revised estimate)	11.2

The works include improvements to the drainage, ventilation, lighting, fire services equipment, and signage, as well as the replacement of floor tiles, refurbishment of toilets and provision of barrier free access. As resources for market improvement projects are allocated on a venue basis, there is no cost breakdown of individual type of improvement works.

2. The estimated total cost for market improvement projects for 2016-17 is \$68.5 million.
3. The consultant selected six representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The six markets are Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Lockhart Road Market and Wing Fong Street Market. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets in phases. In line with existing practices for taking forward market improvement projects, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated cost and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at these two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the other four markets in 2016-17. The experience gained and the improvement recommendations taken forward will serve as reference for pursuing improvements to other similar markets in future.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)133**

**(Question Serial No. 0656)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (3): Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17, it is mentioned that the Department will take action to close public markets which are under-utilised. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. the public markets that were closed in the past three years; the reason(s) for their closure; the new land uses after their closure;
2. the public markets that will be closed in the coming three years; the reason(s) for their closure; the new land uses after their closure; and
3. the measures taken by the Department other than closing the markets to resolve the problem of the poor operation of public markets, as well as the expenditure involved in the past three years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

To enhance the patronage of existing public markets, as an on-going initiative, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts promotional activities. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will appropriately let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce a greater variety of service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

In addition, the Government is following up the Consultant's improvement proposals for the six selected markets in phases. The Department consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road

Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated costs and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at those two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-2017.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed and market promotional activities pursued in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out as follows -

Year	Expenditure on market improvement projects (\$ million)	Expenditure on market promotional activities (\$ million)
2013-14	22.2	4
2014-15	9.5	4
2015-16 (Revised estimate)	11.2	4

Nonetheless, as a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When considering whether an under-utilised public market is to be closed, we will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. The Department will consult the relevant District Council(s) and the market tenants to be affected on any market closure plans. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Department, the vacated building space will be handled according to established procedures. Depending on the circumstances, the Government Property Agency, Planning Department or Lands Department may be requested to seek inputs from other government departments on proposals to put the premises to gainful long-term use.

In the past three years, one market, viz. Bridges Street Market (the Market) was closed due to consistently high vacancy rate. The Market has been included in the "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme" under which non-profit-making non-government organisations are invited to submit proposals to revitalize government

owned historic buildings. The Market has been taken up by the Journalism Education Foundation Hong Kong Limited and will be used as the Hong Kong News-Expo, which is an exhibition-cum-education facility with news as the main theme.

Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with relevant Bureaux/Departments and District Councils to identify public markets that may be closed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)134**

**(Question Serial No. 3194)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In August last year, the Government notified the stall owners of Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar (the bazaar) in Sham Shui Po that the bazaar would be closed down so that the site concerned could be resumed and used for providing subsidised housing. With regard to the relocation of the bazaar, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. the latest progress of the discussion with the stall owners about relocation arrangement;
2. the estimated expenditure for closing the bazaar in 2016-17; and
3. given that the Development Bureau has put in place a scheme to promote the utilisation of spaces underneath flyovers, whether Sham Shui Po has such spaces which the Department considers suitable for the relocation of the bazaar; if yes, the specific location(s) and details.

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

- (1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has earlier presented various proposals to the licensed hawkers of the Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar (the cloth bazaar). By January 2016, the Department has reached a general consensus with the licensed hawkers of the cloth bazaar regarding the exit arrangement, with some opting to surrender their hawker licences in return for an ex-gratia payment, and others opting for continuation of business by moving to on-street fixed pitch hawker stalls.

The exit plans formulated for the licensed cloth hawkers do not apply to the unlicensed operators of the cloth bazaar. From the policy as well as legal points of view, there does not exist a cogent basis for adopting the same arrangements for both licensed and unlicensed operators, or else the integrity of the licensing regime cannot be upheld. However, having regard to the fact that the cloth bazaar has been in operation for many years, the age of the operators, the contributions that they have made to the clothing, tailoring and related industries of Hong Kong, as well as the historical reasons underlying the presence of unlicensed operations at the venue, the Government is prepared to consider making special arrangement in this case and formulate a discretionary arrangement for the eligible unlicensed cloth hawkers, on condition that the Department's existing facilities close to the cloth bazaar could be put to more optimal use with the hawkers concerned relocated collectively thereto, thereby helping to preserve the original characteristics of the cloth bazaar as far as practicable whilst meeting, in a balanced manner, the needs of the district for other development.

In this regard, the Department has put forward a proposal to relocate the cloth bazaar to the Tung Chau Street Temporary Market (TCSTM). We consider the relocation of the cloth bazaar to the TCSTM a practical, feasible and win-win option that is of benefit to all parties concerned. It allows the licensed or eligible unlicensed cloth hawkers to continue their business operations collectively in Sham Shui Po, helping to preserve the economic characteristics of the district. Upon relocation, the facilities of the cloth market will be enhanced with additional space for further development. Besides, the existing cloth bazaar site could be released for Home Ownership Scheme development, thus benefiting members of the public with housing needs. Discussion on the relocation arrangements is going on.

- (2) The work on closure of the cloth bazaar is carried out by existing staff. There is no breakdown on the expenditure involved.
- (3) Regarding the proposal to collectively relocate the operators of the cloth bazaar to another place within the Sham Shui Po District other than the TCSTM, relevant departments have indicated that there is currently no vacant government land of similar size that is suitable for relocation in the vicinity of the cloth bazaar.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)135****(Question Serial No. 0235)**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 from 2013-14 to 2015-16, 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, etc.) involving exceedances.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 2)Reply:

The number of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets from 2013 to 2015 is kept on a calendar year basis. The information requested is as follows –

Wholesale Food Market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2013	2014	2015
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	vegetable	7	2	2
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	1 027	753	820
	poultry egg	159	202	160
	aquatic products	16	10	15
Western Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	844	566	758
	fruit	1 308	955	1 055
	poultry egg	111	175	159
	aquatic products	12	8	11
Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organization	vegetable	28	138	41
Total		3 512	2 809	3 021

In 2013, no food sample from the wholesale markets was found not meeting food safety standards. A total of six and four samples of vegetables from the wholesale food markets (all from the Cheung Sha Wan Vegetable Marketing Organization) were found with levels of pesticide residues not meeting the relevant food safety standards in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)136**

**(Question Serial No. 0236)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the regime of the Liquor Licensing Board, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower for handling the work of the Liquor Licensing Board in 2016-17;
- (b) the number of existing liquor licences in the territory, the locations of liquor-licensed premises and the types of buildings (residential, commercial or composite commercial / residential buildings) in which these premises are located;
- (c) the total number of liquor licence applications received in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16); among them, the number of applications granted and refused, the number of appeals lodged and the success rate of appeals; and
- (d) the details of and the follow-up actions on the measures to enhance the liquor licensing regime.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

- (a) 40 staff in the three licensing offices in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) handle liquor and club liquor licence applications as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown for the expenditure involved in handling liquor licence applications and appeals. In addition, nine staff are deployed for providing secretariat support to the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB). The estimated expenditure involved in manning the LLB Secretariat in 2016-17 is \$6 million.

- (b) The number of liquor licences in the territory (broken down by district) as at end-2015 is provided in the table below. There is no separate breakdown on the type of buildings in which the licensed premises are located.

District	No. of Liquor Licences (as at end-2015)		Total
	Liquor Licences	Club Liquor Licences	
Central and Western	942	73	1 015
Eastern	399	15	414
Southern	120	27	147
Wanchai	965	109	1 074
Islands	241	18	259
Yau Tsim Mong	1 657	92	1 749
Sham Shui Po	270	9	279
Kowloon City	387	18	405
Wong Tai Sin	159	2	161
Kwun Tong	274	10	284
Tsuen Wan	228	11	239
Kwai Tsing	130	4	134
North	96	7	103
Tai Po	150	3	153
Sai Kung	200	8	208
Shatin	233	11	244
Tuen Mun	178	5	183
Yuen Long	272	14	286
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 901</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>7 337</b>

- (c) Relevant statistics are provided as follows -

	2013	2014	2015
Total number of liquor licence applications received (with the number of applications for new licence given in brackets)	8 179 (1 087)	8 630 (1 116)	8 936 (1 236)
Total number of liquor licences granted by LLB <sup>1</sup>	7 221	8 156	8 646
Total number of applications refused by LLB <sup>1</sup>	69	67	40
Total number of appeals lodged with Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	55	32	28
Success rate of appeals (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB) <sup>2</sup>	49%	58%	63%

<sup>1</sup> Applications for liquor licences received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.

<sup>2</sup> Only appeal cases with MSAB's decisions issued before the end of a calendar year are taken into account for calculating the success rate of appeals in that year.

- (d) The Government conducted a public consultation in 2011 and implemented a number of administrative measures subsequently to improve the liquor licensing regime. In May 2013, the LLB revamped its procedures for dealing with applications for the renewal or transfer of liquor licence, thereby allowing more sensitive handling of views from the neighbourhood. The LLB published in December 2013 a set of guidelines on the factors that should be taken into account when assessing liquor licence applications, the scrutiny on applications from upstairs bars, as well as the more stringent conditions that the LLB may impose including those relating to capacity limit and measures to abate noise nuisance for premises etc. Separately, the LLB has since June 2014 added express provisions in the licensing conditions stipulating that restaurant licensees must comply with fire safety requirements at all times (such that minor breaches, if repeatedly not attended to promptly, would render them liable to suspension/cancellation of licence). In addition, documentary evidence of continuous compliance with fire safety requirements (namely that the fire safety related certificates issued by registered specialist contractors remain valid at the material time) must be adduced when the Department processes applications for licence renewal. An overwhelming majority of liquor-licensed premises have restaurant licences.

Apart from the administrative measures that have been implemented, the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 came into operation on 3 August 2015. It extends the maximum validity period of a liquor licence from one year to two years, and facilitates electronic submission of applications for the issue or renewal of liquor licence.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)137**

**(Question Serial No. 0237)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to environmental hygiene and related services, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the Department's estimated expenditure and manpower resources for the provision of cleansing services in 2016-17 (including the expenditure on various cleansing services as well as the number of contractors, in-house staff and contractor staff), with a breakdown by type of services; and the changes in expenditure and manpower over the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16); and
- (b) given that the hygiene problem in Hong Kong has become increasingly serious in recent years, whether the Department has explored ways to eliminate the potential hygiene hazards, such as allocating additional resources, recruiting more staff, enhancing training for frontline cleansing workers, increasing the frequency of street sweeping by cleansing workers and mechanical street sweepers, as well as placing more litter containers on streets and increasing the frequency of refuse collection per day.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) provides two types of public cleansing services, namely waste collection service and street cleansing service. The estimated expenditure on waste collection service and street cleansing service in 2016-17 is \$561 million and \$1,959 million respectively. A total



of 10 540 staff are involved in providing these services, including 2 880 in-house staff and 7 660 staff employed by 12 contractors. Comparing the expenditure on a year-on-year basis, there is an increase of about 5.3% in 2014-15, 7.2% in 2015-16 and 6.2% in 2016-17 respectively. In terms of headcount, the level of manpower provision on a year-on-year basis is maintained at a similar level during this period.

- (b) The Department will continue to work with the respective District Councils to closely monitor the cleanliness and hygiene conditions of public places, enhance public education and publicity, and step up law enforcement actions, as necessary. In 2016-17, the Department will deploy additional resources to enhance street washing services (by bringing in additional street washing vehicles and high pressure hot water cleaner teams as and when the street cleansing contracts are renewed), launch a new round of publicity campaign on keeping Hong Kong clean, and increase manpower in law enforcement.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)138****(Question Serial No. 0239)**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:

In respect of the monitoring of the safety of food supplied to Hong Kong, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of Mainland production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province and type of food exported, such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens, freshwater fish, etc.;
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these production farms in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16); and
- (c) whether any policy has been examined to encourage farms to become production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong so as to increase the sources of food supply.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 6)Reply:

- (a) Information on the types and number of registered Mainland farms eligible for exporting foods to Hong Kong by location as at 31 December 2015 is given below –

Province or cities	Vegetable Farms	Orchard	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
<b>Guangdong</b>	113		24	92	2		80
<b>Shenzhen</b>	2			1			
<b>Zhuhai</b>	1		9	5			4

Province or cities	Vegetable Farms	Orchard	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Anhui		12		1	1		14
Beijing	3				5		
Chongqing	1			1			
Fujian	2	76					
Gansu	9				3		
Guangxi	4			7			1
Guizhou	3				1		
Hainan	15		1	2			
Hebei	15	176			2		
Heilongjiang		8			1		
Henan	14	12		18			
Hubei	13	17		14	2		23
Hunan	32	32		39			10
Jiangsu	30						21
Jiangxi	9			25	1		10
Jilin		2		2	1		
Liaoning	5	213					
Neimongol	2				5		
Ningxia	23	1					
Ningbo		8		1			
Qinghai					1		
Shaanxi		630			5		
Shandong	79	624					
Shanxi	2				3		
Shanghai	13			7			2
Sichuan	3						
Tianjin	1				1		
Xiamen	8			1			
Xinjiang		35					
Yunnan	34	513				1	
Zhejiang	14	104		1			9
<b>Total no. of registered farms</b>	450	2463	34	217	34	1	174

(b) Information on the types and number of Mainland farms inspected in the past 3 years is given below–

Calendar Year	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
2013	16	0	29	13	7	0	21	86
2014	17	3	29	8	5	0	7	69
2015	13	3	22	14	6	0	9	67

- (c) The Government is committed to ensuring an adequate and stable food supply to Hong Kong. In this connection, the Government has been working closely with the Mainland authorities to maintain the stability, quality and safety of food products supplied to Hong Kong. We will continue with our efforts on this front.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)139**

**(Question Serial No. 0242)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to food surveillance, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the financial provision and manpower for food surveillance by the Centre for Food Safety in 2016-17;
- (b) the total number of food samples taken for testing in various projects under the Food Surveillance Programme in 2015-16 (including routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance) and the satisfactory rates; and
- (c) the details regarding the planning of the second Hong Kong Food Consumption Survey as mentioned under Programme (1).

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated expenditure on food surveillance in 2016-17 is \$71.1 million and the estimated manpower provision is 115 posts.
- (b) The statistics on food surveillance are kept on a calendar year basis. In 2015, the numbers of food samples tested under routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance were 58 600, 4 500 and 1 300 respectively. The overall satisfactory rate was 99.7 per cent.
- (c) We have earmarked \$9.5 million for conducting the second Hong Kong Food Consumption Survey. The manpower required in planning the Survey will be absorbed from within existing resources. It is expected that a pilot study will be conducted in 2016-17 and the Survey completed in 2018-19.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)140**

**(Question Serial No. 0244 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) No Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government has outsourced a large number of public cleansing services for direct delivery by contractors in recent years. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) information about the outsourcing of various types of public cleansing services (including street sweeping and washing, collection of household waste and management of public cleansing facilities), as well as the manpower and expenditure involved;
- (b) details of the tendering criteria and mechanism for selecting contractors to provide the outsourced public cleansing services; and
- (c) a brief description of the mechanism for monitoring contractors providing various types of outsourced public cleansing services and the related non-compliance.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided below –

(a)

Types of public cleansing services	Total no. of contracts (as at 31.12.2015)	Total no. of contractors' staff (as at 31.12.2015)	Total contract value HK\$ (Million) (as at 31.12.2015)
Street cleansing	28	7 122	1,858.9
Waste collection	16	292	789.3
Others <sup>(Note)</sup>	9	250	223.0

Note : Other public cleansing services include animal carcass collection services, cleansing and waste removal services for special sites/areas, desludging and mid-night conservancy services, mechanical gully cleansing services, mechanical street sweeping services, portable toilet service and recyclables collection services.

- (b) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) awards its public cleansing service contracts by open tender according to the procurement requirements and procedures of the Government. We evaluate the tenders using a marking scheme. Under the marking scheme, the relative weightings of technical score and price score are 30% and 70% respectively. The assessment is carried out in two phases. The first phase involves an assessment of the technical aspects of the tenders including whether the tenders have met mandatory technical requirements. The assessment criteria for technical score comprise the quality of the proposed implementation plans submitted by the tenderer, the proposed wage level and daily maximum working hours of the cleansing workers employed for executing the contract as well as the contractors' experience/performance track record for relevant government contracts. By established rules, the price proposed should not be looked at at this stage. The second phase involves assessing the prices of all tenders which have met the mandatory technical requirement. The tender with the highest overall score will be accepted by the Government.
- (c) The Department has put in place a contract management mechanism. The service requirements that must be met by the contractor are clearly set out in the contracts. The frontline contract management staff of the Department conducts daily site inspection at random to check the contractor's performance and confirm whether the services have been completed as scheduled in accordance with the contract requirements and approved work plan including staff attendance. If the Department finds a contractor in breach of contract provisions, it will take appropriate actions including the issuance of verbal warnings, written warnings and default notices as well as withholding/deducting monthly payment of service charge.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)141**

**(Question Serial No. 0245 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to public niches, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of deaths (Hong Kong residents) and the means of disposal of the dead (by burial or cremation) from 2013-14 to 2015-16; and
- (b) the number of applications for public niches in Hong Kong, the number of niches allocated, the total number of applicants on the waiting list for public niches and the average waiting time for a public niche from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a)

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Deaths</b>	<b>No. of Burials</b>	<b>No. of Cremations</b>
2013	43 399	3 573	38 914
2014	45 710	3 477	41 244
2015	46 757	3 355	42 737

- (b) For new niches in public columbaria, there is no waiting list for their allocation. New niches are allocated through computer balloting. Unsuccessful applications would be carried forward automatically to subsequent phases of allocation through computer balloting if the applicant has so requested in the application form. The information sought is as follows –



<b>Year</b>	<b>New niches</b>	
	<b>No. of applications</b>	<b>No. of niches allocated</b>
2013	13 172	12 913
2014	16 321	12 053
2015	11 627	14 573

Note: The year in which new niches are allocated may not be the same as that in which the applications are made.

In the past three years, on average about 280 niches per annum are returned to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). These niches are re-allocated according to the priority in the waiting list of the respective columbarium. The information sought is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Re-allocated niches</b>			
	<b>No. of applications</b>	<b>No. of niches re-allocated</b>	<b>No. of applications on the waiting list</b>	<b>Average waiting time (months)</b>
2013	5 037	230	21 360	45
2014	5 554	193	23 235	54
2015	7 164	394	21 048	45

Note: The average waiting time is dependent on the number of niches that are returned to the Department for re-allocation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)142****(Question Serial No. 0246)**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:

Under Section 31(1)(d) of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X), any person who carries on any food business which involves the sale of fresh, chilled or frozen beef, mutton, pork, reptiles, fish or poultry must obtain a fresh provision shop licence. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of fresh provision shop licences in force in Hong Kong in 2015-16, with a breakdown by licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen); and
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to licensed fresh provision shops from 2013-14 to 2015-16, with a breakdown by licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen); the number and nature of cases of irregularities detected; and the number of prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 13)Reply:

- (a) The information sought is given below, showing the position as at end-2015:

<b>Type of commodities permitted to be sold</b>	<b>Number of fresh provision shops (FPS)</b>
Fresh commodities	1 000
Chilled commodities	122
Frozen commodities	285
Fresh and chilled commodities	112
Fresh and frozen commodities	68
Chilled and frozen commodities	523
Fresh, chilled and frozen commodities	559
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 669</b>

- (b) In general, inspections of licensed FPS are conducted once every four, ten or 20 weeks according to the risk type of individual premises as assessed under the “Risk-based Inspection System” (the System). The licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen) is only one of the design criteria under the System. Criteria such as the track record of the licensees and the risks inherent in the products sold are also relevant. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department keeps statistics on the overall number of inspections pertaining to licensed food premises. A separate breakdown of inspections for licensed FPS or by licence type is not available. A breakdown on prosecution statistics in 2015 by nature of irregularities for licensed FPS is at Annex. Similar breakdown for earlier years is not available.

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**Breakdown of Prosecutions Instituted against Licensed Fresh Provision Shops in 2015**

<b>Nature of irregularities</b>	<b>Number of prosecutions</b>
Dirty food premises / presence of vermins, live birds or animals	2
Dirty equipment and utensils	2
Food not protected from risk of contamination	5
Sub-standard fish tank water	3
Use of open space for scullery / food preparation / storage of food utensils	2
Dirty food room / improper repair of food room	5
Alteration of premises or fittings	1
Alteration to the approved layout of the premises	5
Sale of restricted food without permission	4
Extension of food business beyond licensed area	64
Obstruction of public places	183
Other irregularities such as smoking in food room, sale of fresh and chilled meat at the same premises, sale of food unfit for human consumption, sale of food which was not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the purchaser, fresh meat containing preservative, etc.	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)143**

**(Question Serial No. 0247)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the management of public markets, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the expenditure on subsidising public market management from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of vacant stalls in public markets and the vacancy rate at present; the average and longest vacancy period; the total rental receivable (in terms of open market rental) from all vacant stalls in 2015-16 as compared with the expenditure on subsidising public market management;
- (c) the number of in-house staff involved in the management of public markets; and
- (d) the number of contractors engaged, the manpower they deploy, the types of services they provide and the expenditure involved in the various aspects of market management.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) For 2013-14 and 2014-15, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department recorded deficits of \$237.3 million and \$327.8 million respectively in the management of public markets. The deficit in this regard for 2015-16 is estimated to be \$ 317 million.
- (b) "Vacant" stalls refer to stalls that have not been let-out. Not all let-out stalls are in active operation. As at 31 December 2015, 1 290 stalls out of a total 14 439 stalls in public markets were not let out; this represented 8.9% of the total number of stalls.

The figure has included those stalls being frozen for various purposes, such as stalls in markets undergoing improvement works or stalls that may be needed for housing tenants from cooked food hawker bazaars being planned for closure. Information on the average and longest period of vacancy is not readily available. As these stalls cannot be let out for various reasons, we have not assessed the rental that is otherwise receivable.

- (c) As at 31 December 2015, 196 in-house staff including Non-civil Service Contract staff were involved in the management of public markets.
- (d) As at 31 December 2015, a total of 10 contractors and about 1 500 contractors' staff were engaged in the management of public markets, including venue management, cleansing, pest control and security guard services. The estimated total expenditure involved for 2015-16 is about \$231 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)144**

**(Question Serial No. 0248)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number, nature and causes of local food poisoning incidents in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16), the seasons when these incidents took place, the condition of the affected persons and the pertinence to restaurants and the food business (i.e. food poisoning arising from dining out or home cooking).

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department received 285, 216 and 256 referrals of food poisoning cases related to food consumed in restaurants/food purchased in retail outlets from the Department of Health in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. Food poisoning cases were more commonly reported during summer months. Bacteria were the leading group of causative agents for food poisoning cases. The commonly identified contributing factors included contamination through raw food, improper holding temperature and inadequate cooking. Mild symptoms were present in the majority of the affected persons who made full recovery eventually.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)145**

**(Question Serial No. 0249)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2), it is stated that the Department will “continue to take stringent enforcement actions against unlicensed food premises and food premises which pose immediate health hazards or with illegal extension of food business area”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of enforcement actions taken against unlicensed food premises in the past three years, with a breakdown by district; and
- (b) the number of enforcement actions taken and prosecutions instituted against illegal extension of food business area in the past three years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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- (a) The number of prosecutions against unlicensed food premises broken down by district in the past three years is provided below -

District	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	131	167	265
Wan Chai	178	263	138
Eastern	258	329	388
Southern	34	23	39
Islands	26	79	47
Yau Tsim	288	135	90
Mong Kok	389 (1)*	302	259
Sham Shui Po	169	198	155
Kowloon City	207	236	216
Wong Tai Sin	40	106	161
Kwun Tong	199	225	135
Kwai Tsing	523	340 (1)*	173
Tsuen Wan	699	475	335
Tuen Mun	658	765	389
Yuen Long	876	421 (2)*	184
North	17	22	31
Tai Po	172	165	141
Sha Tin	1381	822 (2)*	352
Sai Kung	50	45	45
Total	6 295	5 118	3 543

\* The number in brackets denotes the number of Closure Order granted by the Court to close the unlicensed food premises.

(b) The number of prosecutions and other sanctions instituted against illegal extension of food business area broken down by district in the past three years is provided below –

District	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations
Central and Western	49	0	0	62	1	0	73	6	0
Wan Chai	245	2	0	186	10	1	99	2	0
Eastern	83	9	0	87	27	0	132	29	0
Southern	12	1	0	8	1	0	9	0	0
Islands	21	0	0	24	0	0	29	5	0
Yau Tsim	306	21	7	61	5	1	56	1	0
Mong Kok	345	8	4	198	8	1	174	9	2
Sham Shui Po	111	27	0	71	9	2	113	15	0
Kowloon City	84	8	1	34	6	1	38	8	0
Wong Tai Sin	64	19	0	65	12	0	83	9	0
Kwun Tong	145	11	1	67	6	0	69	4	0
Kwai Tsing	423	1	1	206	3	0	30	1	1
Tsuen Wan	601	27	12	162	7	4	131	0	1
Tuen Mun	713	22	4	701	20	3	374	13	1

District	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations
Yuen Long	1 105	27	24	645	40	4	282	25	2
North	49	4	0	43	3	0	42	2	0
Tai Po	154	6	0	103	7	0	40	7	0
Sha Tin	1 440	26	11	699	10	3	130	12	1
Sai Kung	80	2	0	76	0	0	99	0	0
Total <sup>#</sup>	6 030	221	65	3 498	175	20	2 003	148	8

<sup>#</sup> The decrease in the number of prosecutions and other sanctions instituted against illegal extension of food business area in the past three years was mainly attributable to our implementation of enhanced control measures against illegal extension of food business area since mid-2013.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)146**

**(Question Serial No. 0250 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the efforts against illegal hawking of unlicensed hawkers, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted against illegal hawking of unlicensed hawkers, the locations involved, as well as the nature of these cases, in 2015-16;
- (b) whether new measures will be put in place or additional manpower or resources be allocated to deal with illegal hawking at unlicensed hawker blackspots; and
- (c) whether new measures will be put in place or additional manpower or resources be allocated to deal with illegal hawking during festive periods when unlicensed hawkers are active.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) In 2015, there were 23 054 prosecutions against illegal hawking activities, including street obstruction, illegal hawking and sale of cooked food / restricted food. Further detailed breakdown is not readily available. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep separate statistics on the number of warnings issued.
- (b) Being itinerant, unlicensed hawking is best deterred by mobile patrolling and raiding through strategic and flexible staff deployment. In 2016-17, the Department will continue to do so through redeployment of its existing manpower resources. In

addition, the Department's Hawker Control Team (HCT) staff will continue to regularly patrol blackspots to deter illegal hawking activities and to prevent unlicensed hawkers from taking root at these locations. If the hawkers persist in trading and do not disperse, arrest action would follow. To enhance deterrence, HCT staff also mount raiding operations at blackspots to arrest unlicensed hawkers and seize their goods and equipment.

- (c) To deter the illegal activities of cooked food hawkers during festive periods, the Department will consider enhancing publicity at strategic locations through mounting roadside banners and handing out notices in the run up to festive periods such as the Chinese New Year. The Department will take into account the actual situations on the ground and flexibly deploy existing manpower resources to combat illegal hawking during the festive periods.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)147****(Question Serial No. 0251)**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 food complaints received in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16), the types and nature of these complaints, as well as their examination results and outcome.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 18)Reply:

The numbers of food complaints received by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are kept on a calendar year basis. The numbers of food complaints received from 2013 to 2015 with breakdown by nature and follow-up actions are provided in the following table –

<b>Nature of complaints</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Unwholesome food	2 346	2 335	2 682
Foreign substances in food	1 331	964	1 265
Chemicals in food	347	301	405
Labelling issues	610	526	402
Fake/counterfeit food	84	50	29
Others	287	420	253
<b>Total number of cases</b>	<b>5 005</b>	<b>4 596</b>	<b>5 036</b>
Number of warnings issued	604	817	741
Number of prosecutions taken out	192	315	145

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)148****(Question Serial No. 0252)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the inspections to food premises by the Department in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16), please advise on the number of inspections conducted, the number and nature of cases of irregularities detected, the types of premises involved and the districts in which these premises were located, as well as the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 19)Reply:

The required statistics, provided on a calendar-year basis, are given below –

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
(a) Number of inspections to licensed food premises	203 007	208 380	204 349
(b) Number of prosecutions instituted against licensed food premises	3 687	2 599	2 313
(c) Number of warnings issued under the licensing regime for breach of licensing requirements/conditions	1 211	1 223	1 376

The breakdown by nature of irregularities is at Annex. There are no separate statistics on the types and locations of premises involved.

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**Prosecutions Instituted against Licensed Food Premises  
in 2013, 2014 and 2015**

Nature of Irregularities	No. of Prosecutions		
	2013	2014	2015
Dirty food premises / presence of vermins, live birds or animals	15	6	13
Dirty equipment and utensils	27	13	23
Food not protected from risk of contamination	7	3	7
Sub-standard fish tank water	3	0	3
Improper storage of open food	132	93	121
Use of open space for scullery / food preparation / storage of food utensils	171	144	150
Dirty food room / improper repair of food room	56	38	61
Dirty toilet	0	0	3
Alteration of premises or fittings	12	4	12
Alteration to the approved layout of the premises	136	207	157
Sale of restricted food without permission	17	10	8
Operating other types of unlicensed food business	7	24	34
Extension of food business beyond licensed area	1 044	610	495
Obstruction of public places	2 048	1 410	1 171
Other irregularities such as smoking in food room; sale of fresh and chilled meat at the same premises; sale of food unfit for human consumption; sale of food which was not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the purchaser; and fresh meat containing preservative etc.	12	37	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 687</b>	<b>2 599</b>	<b>2 313</b>

Note: The number of prosecutions against licensed food premises dropped from 3 687 in 2013 to 2 313 in 2015. This was attributable mainly to the significant drop in the number of cases involving illegal extension of food business area and obstruction of public places by licensed food premises in 2014 and 2015, relative to 2013.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)149**

**(Question Serial No. 0253)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower for taking forward the Private Columbaria Bill and implementing the licensing scheme for private columbaria upon commencement of the legislation;
- (b) given the Government's previous assessment that there could be a large number of cases in which temporary storage at public temporary niches is required for ashes originally stored at private niches upon commencement of the Private Columbaria Ordinance, details of the existing public temporary niches, including their locations, quantities, fees and application procedures or eligibility criteria.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will set up a "Regulation of Private Columbaria Branch" (RPCB) to deal with the preparatory work for taking forward the Private Columbaria Bill and implementing the licensing scheme for private columbaria upon commencement of the legislation. The new RPCB comprises the Licensing Board Secretariat, the Licensing Team and the Enforcement Team, involving about 50 posts, out of which seven posts will be redeployed from the existing staff establishment. This involves an additional annual recurrent staff cost of about \$24 million.

The Department provides service for temporary storage of cremains in all its crematoria free of charge in the first two months following cremation. The duration may be extended upon application at a monthly fee of \$80. The applicant is required to complete and submit the relevant application form not less than 14 days prior to the intended storage date to one of the FEHD Cemeteries and Crematoria Permit Offices.

The Department at present has a total of about 23 000 temporary urn storage spaces at Kwai Chung Crematorium and Wo Hop Shek Columbarium (Phase III & Phase V). An additional 28 000 temporary urn storage spaces will be made available at the old Kwai Chung Crematorium, vacant staff quarters at Cape Collision Crematorium and the Hong Kong Cemetery by stages from Q2 2016 to Q2 2017. In other words, the total number of temporary urn storage spaces will be increased to more than 50 000 in the coming year. Meanwhile, we are exploring the feasibility of increasing temporary storage spaces in other venues.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)150**

**(Question Serial No. 0254 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services  
(4) Public Education and Community Involvement

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government launched a two-month “Keep Clean 2015@Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign in August 2015. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) details of the “Keep Clean 2015@Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign, including the expenditure and manpower involved;
- (b) whether the effectiveness of the “Keep Clean 2015@Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign has been reviewed; if yes, please provide the details; and
- (c) whether consideration has been given to organising the “Territory-wide Cleansing Campaign” on a regular basis to enhance public awareness of hygiene.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The information sought is given below –

- (a) The Government launched in August to September 2015 the “Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home” campaign (the Campaign) to promote cross-sector partnership and community involvement in keeping Hong Kong clean. At the same time, efforts to improve environmental hygiene were stepped up, including targeted actions at clearing hygiene blackspots. Measures were also devised to tackle some long-standing environmental hygiene problems including those posed by private streets and private rear lanes, “three nil” buildings, marine refuse and construction waste. Relevant bureaux and departments have made use of their existing resources

and mobilised support from different sectors to cope with relevant cleansing and publicity work, which is an integral part of their work. There is no separate breakdown on the resources so deployed.

- (b) The experience of the Campaign facilitated the Government's consideration of how environmental hygiene may be enhanced more effectively. First and foremost, the Campaign has highlighted the importance of community involvement in setting the priority and monitoring cleaning work at the district level. To this end, the Food and Health Bureau has proposed establishing a platform for regular exchange of views with the Environmental Hygiene Committees of the 18 District Councils. On the part of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), other operational measures would also be introduced. These include enhancing street washing services; strengthening contract management for outsourced cleansing services, more focused efforts to clear hygiene blackspots (including certain private rear lanes). FEHD will also enhance the services for clearing marine refuse at the priority sites within its purview.
- (c) The importance of raising hygiene awareness in the community cannot be over-emphasised. The Government will continue to step up publicity and public education efforts including organising different activities from time to time.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)151**

**(Question Serial No. 2398)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the issue of fresh provision shop (FPS) licences with permission for selling live poultry, please advise on the following:

- (a) the number of FPS licences issued with permission for selling live poultry, as well as the expenditure and manpower involved, in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16); and
- (b) whether there is change in the number of FPS licences with permission for selling live poultry in 2015-16 as compared to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The number of FPS licences with permission for selling live poultry has remained unchanged at 46 over the past three years. We do not keep separate breakdown for the expenditure and manpower involved in handling applications for this category of licences.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)152****(Question Serial No. 2399)**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:

With regard to the wholesale of live cattle, please advise on the following:

- (a) the total number, the average daily number, as well as the highest and lowest daily wholesale number of live cattle supplied to Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (b) the monthly average, highest and lowest price of live cattle supplied to Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (c) the total expenditure and average expenditure per head of cattle by the Government in handling live cattle (such as the arrangements for slaughterhouses, quarantine management, etc), as well as the manpower involved; and
- (d) the expenditure and manpower involved in setting up a joint working group with the Mainland last year to conduct surveys and studies on the supply of live cattle to Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 45)Reply:

- (a) Information on the number of live cattle admitted to the slaughterhouse in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Calendar Year	Total number of live cattle admitted	Daily number of live cattle admitted		
		Average	Highest	Lowest
2013	19 156	52	116	8
2014	18 602	51	110	9
2015	17 911	49	97	8

- (b) Information on the wholesale prices of live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Calendar Year	Wholesale prices per picul of live cattle imported from the Mainland (HK\$)*					
	Marbled Meat Cattle			Beef Cattle		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2013	4,497	4,690	4,310	4,093	4,105	4,070
2014	4,690	4,690	4,690	4,070	4,070	4,070
2015	4,690	4,690	4,690	4,070	4,070	4,070

\* The wholesale price of live cattle is determined by the wholesale agent. The wholesale prices of marbled meat cattle and beef cattle were last adjusted to HK\$4,690 / picul and HK\$4,070 / picul respectively on 6 May 2013.

- (c) The expenditure on live food animal inspection in the slaughterhouses in 2013-14 and 2014-15 was \$30.3 million and \$32.3 million respectively and the revised estimate in 2015-16 is \$35.3 million, involving 85 staff posts in each of these three years. Pigs, cattle and goats are slaughtered in the slaughterhouses. The average expenditure of live animal inspection on each live food animal slaughtered is \$17.8, \$18.6 and \$20.9 (based on revised estimate) in the same period. The cost for handling live cattle cannot be separately identified.
- (d) In 2013, in view of the concerns articulated in the community about the supply and price of fresh beef, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) had initiated discussion with the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) concerning the supply of live cattle to Hong Kong. Taking into account the shortage of beef supply in the Mainland market itself and the Central Government's development plan for beef production to realise the effect of stabilising the supply of live cattle, the two sides agreed to revisit the issue at a future date. The progress of FHB's deliberations with MoC was reported to FSEH Panel on 10 June 2014 (please refer to LC Paper No. (CB (2) 1676/13-14 (03)). There was no survey or study conducted in relation to the supply of live cattle to Hong Kong in the past year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)153**

**(Question Serial No. 2400)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the import and export of fresh produce and agricultural products, please advise on the following:

- (a) the total value of fresh produce and agricultural products supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (b) the total value of fresh produce and agricultural products supplied by overseas regions and countries to Hong Kong in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (c) the total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products supplied to Hong Kong markets in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (d) the total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products exported to the Mainland in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (e) the total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products exported to overseas regions and countries in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16); and
- (f) given the initiative announced by the International Brand Management Centre of the China Association of International Trade last year that RMB¥20 billion worth of fresh produce from Hong Kong's food sources on the Mainland would be supplied to the Mainland markets this year, the Department's specific measures to ensure an adequate supply of food to Hong Kong at stable prices.

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 46)



Reply:

According to the Census and Statistics Department and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The total value of fresh produce and agricultural products <sup>Note 1</sup> supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$8,470 million, \$9,034 million and \$9,336 million respectively <sup>Note 2</sup>.
- (b) The total value of fresh produce and agricultural products supplied by overseas regions and countries to Hong Kong in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$14,508 million, \$18,083 million and \$18,194 million respectively <sup>Note 2</sup>.
- (c) The total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products supplied to Hong Kong markets in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$914 million, \$974 million and \$1,073 million respectively <sup>Note 3</sup>.
- (d) There was no export of local fresh produce and agricultural products to the Mainland in the past three calendar years, i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 <sup>Note 2</sup>.
- (e) The total value of local fresh produce and agricultural products exported to overseas regions and countries in the past three calendar years i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about \$0.3 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.6 million respectively <sup>Note 2</sup>.
- (f) The Government is committed to ensuring adequate and stable food supply to Hong Kong. In this connection, the Government has been working closely with the Mainland and overseas authorities to maintain the stability, quality and safety of food products supplied to Hong Kong. We will continue with our efforts on this front.

Note 1: Fresh produce and agricultural products refer to live pig, live cattle, live goat, live poultry, live fish, vegetables and fruits.

Note 2: Based on statistics provided by the Census and Statistics Department.

Note 3: Based on statistics provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)154****(Question Serial No. 0001 )**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of liquor licence applications received and appeals lodged, the average time taken for processing an application and listing an appeal for hearing, the success rate of appeals, as well as the number of liquor licences revoked (with a breakdown by reasons for revocation), in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 1)Reply:

The statistics sought are given below -

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Total number of liquor licence applications received (with the number of applications for new licence given in brackets)	8 179 (1 087)	8 630 (1 116)	8 936 (1 236)
Average time taken for processing an application for liquor licence	42 days <sup>1</sup>	37 days	37 days
Number of appeals lodged with the Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	55	32	28
Average time taken for listing an appeal for hearing <sup>2</sup>	84 days	74 days	97 days
Success rate of appeals (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB) <sup>3</sup>	49%	58%	63%

<sup>1</sup> Since November 2012, liquor licence applications are required to be put on the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) website for 14 days before LLB considers them (on top of requiring the applicants to place advertisement in local newspaper(s) to notify members of the public of the applications). Also, under the new consultation mechanism which took effect in May 2013, in respect of liquor licence renewal /

transfer applications for premises which are recorded with objection to the previous licence application or are the subject of complaints in the preceding 12 months, the District Councillor of the relevant geographical constituency will be consulted as a matter of course. Largely as a result of the above two measures, the average processing time in 2013 has gone up to 42 days from 35 days in 2012. The average processing time has since dropped to 37 days in 2014 and 2015. We believe that this is attributable to the lower number of contested cases in 2014 and 2015.

- 2 This is counted from the date of MSAB receiving the appeal application to the date of the case being heard. The longer average time it takes for appeals to be heard in 2015 was due to the adjournment of some MSAB hearings requested by the appellants for personal reasons as well as an increase in the number of appeal cases for other types of licence received by MSAB in 2015.
- 3 Only appeal cases with MSAB's decision issued before the end of a year are taken into account for calculating the success rate of appeals in that year.

The number of liquor licences revoked in 2013, 2014 and 2015 with breakdown by reasons is provided in the table below.

Reasons for revocation of liquor licence	Number of liquor licences revoked		
	2013	2014	2015
Cessation of business	20	12	15
Licensee leaving without transferring the licence	2	0	0
Breach of licensing condition	5	1	0
Contravention of legislation	0	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)155****(Question Serial No. 0002)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please set out in tabular form the number of applications by restaurant licensees for outside seating accommodation and the average time for processing an application in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. Please also list the number of applications rejected (with a breakdown by reasons for rejection), appeals lodged and applications withdrawn in each of the above three years. Besides, please advise on the manpower and expenditure involved for each of these years.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 3)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Number of applications for outside seating accommodation	117	121	88
Average time taken for processing an application <sup>Note</sup>	15 months	13 months	15 months
Number of applications approved	23	25	27
Number of applications rejected	39	34	12
Number of applications withdrawn/abandoned	48	43	34
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0

Note: The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements; settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned; and addressing relevant land issues, if any. It varies from case to case.

Information about the number of applications rejected in 2013, 2014 and 2015 (with a breakdown by reasons for rejection) is provided as follows –

<b>Reason of Rejection</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Objection(s) raised by the concerned department(s)	32	32	9
Objection(s) raised by the public	4	1	3
Objection(s) raised by the concerned department(s) and the public	3	1	0

Under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, 115 staff in three licensing offices are responsible for handling applications for food business and other trade licences as well as applications for outside seating accommodation, etc. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the handling of applications for outside seating accommodation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)156**

**(Question Serial No. 0003)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for revision of layout plans submitted by restaurant licensees and the number of applications approved in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, there were 550, 629 and 569 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. The corresponding number of approvals was 435, 455 and 399 respectively. Some applications received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)157**

**(Question Serial No. 0004)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for transfer of restaurant licences, the average time for processing an application, as well as the number of applications withdrawn, in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
No. of applications for transfer of restaurant licences	720	738	864
No. of applications withdrawn	5	3	2
Average time for processing the applications	43 working days	39 working days	42 working days

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)158**

**(Question Serial No. 0005)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the average time for processing a restaurant licence application and a provisional restaurant licence application in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, the average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence was 165, 168 and 170 working days respectively, while that for issuing a provisional restaurant licence was 59, 61 and 63 working days respectively.

The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements, settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned and addressing relevant land issues, if any. It varies from case to case.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)159**

**(Question Serial No. 0006)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of fixed pitch hawkers and vacant pitches, as well as the vacancy rate of fixed pitches, in each of the 18 districts in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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**Vacancy Rate of On-street Hawker Fixed Pitches  
(other than Cooked Food Hawkers)**

Annex

District	2013 (as at 31.12.2013)			2014 (as at 31.12.2014)			2015 (as at 31.12.2015)		
	No. of Fixed Pitches (a)	No. of Vacant Pitches* (b)	Vacancy Rate ((b)/(a)+(b))	No. of Fixed Pitches (a)	No. of Vacant Pitches* (b)	Vacancy Rate ((b)/(a)+(b))	No. of Fixed Pitches (a)	No. of Vacant Pitches* (b)	Vacancy Rate ((b)/(a)+(b))
Central & Western	622	0	0%	602	19	3.1%	589	28	4.5%
Eastern	420	0	0%	396	45	10.2%	376	11	2.8%
Southern	31	0	0%	30	0	0%	30	0	0%
Wan Chai	451	0	0%	439	11	2.4%	427	17	3.8%
Islands	1	0	0%	1	0	0%	1	0	0%
Yau Tsim Mong	2 413	0	0%	2 326	128	5.2%	2 235	188	7.8%
Sham Shui Po	1 059	0	0%	1 032	42	3.9%	997	60	5.7%
Kowloon City	110	0	0%	107	1	0.9%	104	2	1.9%
Wong Tai Sin	18	0	0%	16	0	0%	17	0	0%
Kwun Tong	68	0	0%	65	0	0%	61	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	14	0	0%	14	0	0%	13	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	20	0	0%	20	0	0%	20	0	0%
Tuen Mun	8	0	0%	8	0	0%	8	0	0%
Yuen Long	18	0	0%	17	0	0%	16	0	0%
North	7	0	0%	7	0	0%	7	0	0%
Tai Po	7	0	0%	7	0	0%	6	0	0%
Sha Tin	2	0	0%	1	0	0%	1	0	0%
Sai Kung	3	0	0%	3	0	0%	3	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 272</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5 091</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4 911</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

Remarks: \* The figure represents the number of pitches vacated as a result of voluntary surrender of hawker licences under the Hawker Assistance Scheme. The figure does not include pitches located outside building staircase discharge points / emergency vehicular access, earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations or absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas. Fixed-pitches vacated for other reasons and reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments are also excluded.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)160**

**(Question Serial No. 0007)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of stalls and vacant stalls, as well as the vacancy rate of stalls, in each of the public cooked food markets across the territory in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No.7)

Reply:

The information sought is set out at Annex.

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Serial No.	Name of Cooked Food Market	No. of stalls			No. of vacant stalls (of which frozen#) as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December		
		2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
1	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	32	32	0	0	2(2)	0%	0%	6%
2	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	17	17	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
3	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	28	28	28	16(16)	16(16)	16(16)	57%	57%	57%
4	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	12	12	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
5	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	24	24	1(0)	0	0	4%	0%	0%
6	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	15	15	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
7	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	11	11	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
8	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	17	16	16	2(0)	3(0)	5(0)	12%	19%	31%
9	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	14	14	0	0	1(0)	0%	0%	7%
10	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	20	20	17	4(3)	3(3)	0	20%	15%	0%
11	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	14	14	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
12	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	11	11	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
13	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	12	12	12	0	1(0)	1(0)	0%	8%	8%
14	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	29	29	29	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
15	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	14	14	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
16	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	20	20	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
17	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	28	28	3(3)	3(3)	3(3)	11%	11%	11%
18	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	11	11	1(0)	1(0)	0	9%	9%	0%
19	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	17	17	0	2(0)	2(0)	0%	12%	12%
20	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	18	18	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
21	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	20	20	20	2(0)	0	4(0)	10%	0%	20%
22	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	18	18	0	1(0)	0	0%	6%	0%
23	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	56	56	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%

Serial No.	Name of Cooked Food Market	No. of stalls			No. of vacant stalls (of which frozen#) as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December		
		2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
24	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	8	8	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
25	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	18	18	2(0)	1(0)	1(0)	11%	6%	6%

# Including the number of vacant stalls that are frozen for reasons such as forthcoming improvement works.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)161**

**(Question Serial No. 0008)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

How many appeal cases against food business licence suspension were there in 2015? How many cases were allowed? As regards the appeal cases against licence suspension, please advise on the average, longest and shortest length of suspension.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

In 2015, there were seven appeals against the suspension of food business licence. One of them was subsequently withdrawn and another one has yet to be determined by the Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB). Of the five cases heard, LIAB upheld the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's suspension decision in three cases and shortened the suspension period in the other two cases. The average suspension period, as determined by LIAB, was five days, with the longest period being seven days and the shortest, three.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)162**

**(Question Serial No. 0009)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled pork, as well as the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled pork processing plants, in each of the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015).

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong was four, four and five respectively. According to the record of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the quantity of Mainland chilled pork imported into Hong Kong was about 11 500 tonnes, 10 200 tonnes and 9 020 tonnes respectively.

According to the figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled pork in 2013, 2014 and 2015 was \$14.4, \$10.7 and \$16.7 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to Mainland chilled pork processing plants in 2013, 2014 and 2015 was four, three and five respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)163**

**(Question Serial No. 0010)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled beef, as well as the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled beef processing plants, in each of 2013, 2014 and 2015 following the introduction of Mainland chilled beef to Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong was seven in each of the three years ending 2015.

According to the record of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the quantity of Mainland chilled beef imported into Hong Kong was about two tonnes in 2013 and 100 tonnes in 2014. There was no import of Mainland chilled beef into Hong Kong in 2015.

According to the figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled beef in 2013 and 2014 was \$45.6 and \$12.5 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to Mainland chilled beef processing plants was one in each of the three years ending 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)164**

**(Question Serial No. 0011)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of live poultry stalls in operation in each of the public markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2015.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No.11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Name of Market</b>	<b>Number of live poultry stalls as at end-2015</b>
1.	Aberdeen Market	1
2.	Bowrington Road Market	1
3.	Causeway Bay Market	2
4.	Chai Wan Market	2
5.	Fa Yuen Street Market	1
6.	Heung Che Street Market	1
7.	Hung Hom Market	2
8.	Java Road Market	3
9.	Kowloon City Market	2
10.	Kwun Chung Market	2
11.	Lai Wan Market	1
12.	Lockhart Road Market	3
13.	Luen Wo Hui Market	2
14.	Ngau Chi Wan Market	1
15.	Ngau Tau Kok Market	3
16.	North Kwai Chung Market	1
17.	Pei Ho Street Market	5
18.	Po On Road Market	3
19.	Quarry Bay Market	1
20.	San Hui Market	2
21.	Sha Tin Market	2
22.	Shek Wu Hui Market	2
23.	Sheung Fung Street Market	1
24.	Sheung Wan Market	7
25.	Shui Wo Street Market	1
26.	Tai Kiu Market	2
27.	Tai Kok Tsui Market	1
28.	Tai Po Hui Market	5
29.	Tai Shing Street Market	2
30.	Tai Wai Market	2
31.	Tang Lung Chau Market	1
32.	To Kwa Wan Market	1
33.	Tsuen Wan Market	3
34.	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	4
35.	Tung Yick Market	3
36.	Wing Fong Street Market	1
37.	Yan Oi Market	2
38.	Yau Ma Tei Market	2
39.	Yeung Uk Road Market	5
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>86</b>

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)165**

**(Question Serial No. 0012)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of fresh provision shops with permission for selling live poultry and for selling fresh poultry carcass in 2015.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

<b>Fresh provision shops</b>	<b>Number as at 31.12.2015</b>
(1) With permission for selling live poultry (including fresh poultry carcass)	46
(2) With permission for selling fresh poultry carcass (other than (1) above)	36

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)166****(Question Serial No. 0013)**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 list by farm types the number of Mainland production farms exporting food (such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens, freshwater fish, etc.) to Hong Kong and the number of inspections to these production farms in each of the years from 2013 to 2015. Please also advise on the estimated number of inspections to be conducted in 2016, as well as the expenditure and manpower required for 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 13)Reply:

Information on the types and number of registered Mainland farms eligible for exporting foods to Hong Kong as at 31 December of the past 3 years is given below –

<b>As at 31 December of the year</b>	<b>Vegetable Farms</b>	<b>Orchards</b>	<b>Poultry Farms</b>	<b>Pig Farms</b>	<b>Cattle Farms</b>	<b>Goat Farms</b>	<b>Aquatic Food Animal Farms</b>	<b>Total</b>
2013	480	3 602	53	231	32	2	169	4 569
2014	459	3 622	36	216	34	1	181	4 549
2015	450	2463	34	217	34	1	174	3 373

Information on the types and number of Mainland farms inspected by the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) in the past 3 years is given below –

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Vegetable Farms</b>	<b>Orchards</b>	<b>Poultry Farms</b>	<b>Pig Farms</b>	<b>Cattle Farms</b>	<b>Goat Farms</b>	<b>Aquatic Food Animal Farms</b>	<b>Total</b>
2013	16	0	29	13	7	0	21	86
2014	17	3	29	8	5	0	7	69
2015	13	3	22	14	6	0	9	67

In 2016, we plan to inspect around 70 farms, including 50 food animal and fish farms as well as 20 vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas. We do not have a specific estimate on the number of farms in the Mainland to be inspected in 2016.

An inspection unit in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), comprising three veterinary officers, eight field officers and one fisheries officer, is responsible for inspection of food animal farms (including fish farms) outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas. The revised estimate of expenditure for conducting farm inspections outside Hong Kong in 2015-16 was \$10 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 is about \$11.4 million. CFS does not have separate breakdown on the resources used for conducting inspection of food animal farms in the Mainland.

The inspection of vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong (including the Mainland and overseas) is carried out by another team in the FEHD led by an agricultural officer. The officers in the team are also tasked with other duties. CFS does not have separate breakdown on the resources used for conducting inspection of vegetable farms and orchards in the Mainland.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)167**

**(Question Serial No. 0014)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the usage rate of the on-line Licence Application Tracking Facility (ATF) in respect of food business licences, as well as the usage rate of the on-line licence application service for liquor licences, food business licences and other relevant endorsements, in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2013 to 2015). Please provide details on the publicity work, the manpower arrangement and the expenditure required in promoting the service.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, 51%, 48%<sup>1</sup> and 50% respectively of the applicants for food business licences or their authorised persons made use of the on-line Licence Application Tracking Facility (ATF) system to monitor the progress of their applications. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, 37%, 41% and 43% respectively of the applicants for liquor licence (including club liquor licence) or their authorised persons made use of the Liquor Licence Processing System.

Starting from 1 January 2013, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) accepts online submission of applications for food business licences and permits. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, 9% of the applicants (i.e. 589 out of 6 616), 8% (557 out of 6 666) and 12% (816 out of 7 018) made use of the service respectively. To encourage

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<sup>1</sup> Effective from 31 March 2014, a new email notification function was added to the ATF system. With the new function, applicants for food business licences who have registered their email addresses with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will be informed of the progress of their application via email notifications automatically without having to log into the ATF system. These email notifications are not counted in the ATF usage rate.

wider use of the on-line service, the Department has issued promotional flyers to the applicants; displayed promotional posters in the SME One Centre of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, the 19 district environmental hygiene offices and the three licensing offices of the Department; and conducted briefings for the trade at meetings organised by the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit and the bi-monthly seminars on restaurant licensing. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the promotion work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)168**

**(Question Serial No. 0015)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

How many non-local food production farms and food processing plants (apart from those on the Mainland) were inspected by the Department in each of the years from 2013 to 2015? Please advise on the staff establishment required and expenditure involved in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

In 2013, a total of nine farms and ten food processing plants in Spain, Vietnam and Iceland were inspected.

In 2014, a total of six farms and 14 food processing plants in the United States, Ireland, France, India, Japan and the Netherlands were inspected.

In 2015, a total of four farms and six food processing plants in the United Kingdom, Australia and Korea were inspected.

An inspection unit in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), comprising three veterinary officers, eight field officers and one fisheries officer, is responsible for inspection of food animal farms (including fish farms) outside Hong Kong, involving an actual expenditure of \$8.5 million each in 2013-14 and 2014-15. The revised estimate in 2015-16 is \$10 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 is \$11.4 million. We do not keep separate breakdown on the resources used for inspection in the Mainland and overseas.

The inspection of vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong is carried out by another team in the Department led by an agricultural officer, with an inspection unit comprising five health inspectors responsible for inspecting food processing plants outside Hong Kong.



These officers are also tasked with other duties. We do not have separate breakdown of expenses incurred for conducting inspection in the Mainland and overseas, or the resources used for inspection of vegetable farms, orchards and food processing plants outside Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)169**

**(Question Serial No. 0016 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the stalls in public markets (excluding cooked food markets) under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please provide data on the following as at 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 respectively:

1. number of stalls let out;
2. number of vacant stalls;
3. total number of stalls;
4. vacancy rate;
5. highest stall rental;
6. lowest stall rental;
7. average stall rental;
8. median rent

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

The information sought is given below -

		<u>Position as at</u>	
		<u>31.12.2014</u>	<u>31.12.2015</u>
1.	Number of stalls let out	12 726	12 704
2.	Number of vacant stalls	1 234 (979 of which were frozen#)	1 255 (1 008 of which were frozen#)
3.	Total number of stalls	13 960	13 959

4.	Vacancy rate			8.8%	9.0%
5.	Highest rental	monthly	stall	\$126,588	\$126,588
6.	Lowest rental	monthly	stall	\$10.34	\$10.34
7.	Average rental	monthly	stall	\$2,827.03	\$2,867.07
8.	Median monthly rent			\$1,818.5	\$1,830

# These stalls are frozen for reasons such as forthcoming improvement works or possible relocation of stalls from cooked food hawker bazaars being planned for closure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)170****(Question Serial No. 0017)**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 quantities of fresh, chilled and frozen chickens imported from the Mainland into Hong Kong, their respective share and average import price in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2013 to 2015).

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 17)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	Fresh Chicken			Chilled Chicken			Frozen Chicken		
	Quantity (kg)*	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg)*#	Quantity (kg)@	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg)#	Quantity (kg)@	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg)#
<b>2013</b>	4 448 000	4.54	14.7	37 538 000	38.33	15.9	55 943 000	57.13	15.5
<b>2014</b>	1 767 000 <sup>&amp;</sup>	1.66	15.4	39 641 000	37.15	16.4	65 295 000	61.19	16.3
<b>2015</b>	115 000 <sup>^</sup>	0.11	12.5	48 456 000	44.99	17.6	59 125 000	54.90	16.7

\* The information is provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. The import data on fresh chickens as given in the trade declarations is on a per chicken basis. To facilitate comparison, the quantity and the price are presented in terms of kg by a conversion factor of 1.93 kg per chicken in 2013, 1.96 kg per chicken in 2014 and 1.88 kg per chicken in 2015.

@ This is based on information from the Hong Kong Merchandise Trade Statistics.

- # The information is provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), sourced from trader's import declarations to the Customs and Excise Department. Average import prices, calculated by dividing the total import value by its corresponding total import quantity, are subject to various factors other than pure price movement such as composition of commodity, quality of commodity, supply patterns of imports, terms of payment and delivery as well as the trading practices and pricing policies of trading partners.
- & There was no import of live chickens from the Mainland from 28 January to 5 September 2014.
- ^ Import of live chickens from the Mainland was last suspended as from 31 December 2014 due to the temporary closure of the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) after the detection of a H7 avian influenza positive consignment of imported live poultry. Trading of live poultry at CSWTWPM resumed on 22 January 2015. However, there was no import of live poultry until 10 February 2015 and the import quantity has since been significantly reduced compared to the average in the past.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)171****(Question Serial No. 0018)**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 average, highest and lowest daily number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland into Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015). Please also advise on the average, highest and lowest auction prices per picul for each of these years.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 18)Reply:

Information on the number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows -

Year	Daily number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland					
	Pigs			Cattle		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2013	4 317	5 565	1 942	52	116	8
2014	4 452	6 298	2 597	51	110	9
2015	4 338	6 993	2 094	49	97	8

Information on the auction or wholesale prices of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows -

Year	Auction/wholesale prices per picul of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland								
	Auction Price of Pigs (HK\$)			Wholesale Price of Cattle* (HK\$)					
				Marbled Meat Cattle			Beef Cattle		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2013	1,350	1,499	1,228	4,497	4,690	4,310	4,093	4,105	4,070
2014	1,253	1,431	1,122	4,690	4,690	4,690	4,070	4,070	4,070
2015	1,361	1,545	1,252	4,690	4,690	4,690	4,070	4,070	4,070

\* The wholesale price of live cattle is determined by the wholesale agent. The wholesale prices of marbled meat cattle and beef cattle were last adjusted to HK\$4,690 / picul and HK\$4,070 / picul respectively on 6 May 2013.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)172**

**(Question Serial No. 2374)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Budget Speech has mentioned that licence fees for restaurants and hawkers and fees for restricted food permits are to be waived for one year. Please set out the number of operators to be benefited from this initiative, with a breakdown by licence type.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The information sought is given below –

<b>Licence type</b>	<b>Estimated number of licence / permit holders who would benefit from the one-year waiver</b>
Restaurant licences	14 100
Restricted food permits	6 550
Hawker licences	6 130
Total	26 780

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)173**

**(Question Serial No. 1297)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Department is planning to introduce new measures in the first quarter this year, thereby imposing new conditions to regulate online sale of food by premises with food business licences or permits, as well as issuing a new set of permits for application by operators selling restricted foods online. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (1) given that the 2016 estimates for the indicators “applications for food business licences” and “applications for restricted food permits” increase only slightly as compared with 2015, the distribution of manpower for continuing to take stringent enforcement actions and for implementing the new permit system and conducting inspections; whether additional manpower will be allocated to cope with the work of issuing permits, processing applications and conducting inspections in respect of online food sale; if yes, the number of additional staff, the establishment and the expenditure involved; if not, the reason(s); and
- (2) whether additional resources will be allocated to strengthen public education and publicity on online food safety; if yes, the expenditure and manpower involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

- (1) Starting from 22 February 2016, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) accepts applications for the newly introduced online sale of restricted food permits (online sale permits). In this connection, the three licensing offices (LOs) of the Department responsible for processing applications for food business licences and other trade licences are tasked to process applications of the new online sale permits. The 19 district environmental hygiene offices (DEHOs) of the Department are tasked to monitor the licensed and permitted premises through

inspections and enforcement actions. The workload involved in handling the applications for online sale permits and monitoring these permitted premises is absorbed by the existing manpower of LOs and DEHOs. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in handling these applications and conducting inspections in respect of online food sale. The Department will review the workload and manpower requirement from time to time.

- (2) The Department has allocated funding to enhance publicity and public education on issues related to food safety and environmental hygiene through different channels and social media. For instance, to enhance public awareness of the safety of purchasing food online, an Announcement in the Public Interest (API) has been broadcast since end December 2015 to draw consumers' attention to food safety, with emphasis on the importance of temperature control, source of supply and proper mode of delivery in particular for high risk food items. Another television API to remind the trade of the need to obtain licences / permits for selling restricted food online and advise consumers to verify the licence / permit information on the Department's website is under preparation and will be broadcast in Q2 of 2016. The radio API on this issue has been broadcast since February 2016. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the public education and publicity work relating to the new online permits.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)174**

**(Question Serial No. 0904)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (1) The estimates for 2016-17 will increase substantially by 8.7% as compared with 2015-16. According to the analysis of financial provision, this is due to an increase of 39 posts and the increased expenditure under the Assistance Scheme for fixed pitch hawkers in the year. In this connection, please provide information on the posts to be added and the salaries involved. Regarding the provision of assistance to fixed pitch hawkers, please advise on the number of hawkers who received assistance in 2015 and the amount of grants and ex-gratia payments involved; the number of stalls receiving grants for beautification work and licences surrendered; and the duration of the Assistance Scheme.
- (2) Regarding the number of licensed hawkers, the number of fixed pitch hawkers dropped by 202 in 2015 as compared with 2014. It is estimated that the number will further drop by 103 in 2016. Is the drop due to the surrender of hawker licences or other reasons? Will the Department re-issue the surrendered fixed pitch hawker licences, or reduce the total number of hawker licences by natural attrition? In connection with the surrender of hawker licences, what major streets are involved? Is there a need to renew the planning of these streets because of the surrender?
- (3) The number of raids conducted by Hawker Control Teams remains high. Although there is a decrease in the number in 2016, it is still over 110 000. Please advise on the details and results of the raiding operations concerned, the quantity and value of the goods forfeited, as well as the number of prosecutions instituted and the amount of fines involved.
- (4) Given that the number of hawker blackspots has been standing at 45, please advise on the locations of these blackspots, and whether any measures are in place to reduce the number of these blackspots.

Asked by: Hon Vincent FANG Kang (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

- (1) The 8.7% increase in the estimates of expenditure in 2016-17 over 2015-16 was mainly due to filling of vacancies, creation of new posts, increased operating and capital expenditure for market management, as well as increased expenditure under the five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Assistance Scheme). There will be an increase of 39 posts including two Senior Hawker Control Officer, four Hawker Control Officer, 16 Assistant Hawker Control Officer, four Workman I and 13 Foreman posts involving estimated annual salaries of \$10.062 million.

The Assistance Scheme, which commenced on 3 June 2013, would continue until 2 June 2018. The requested information on the implementation and progress of the Assistance Scheme is provided at Annex I.

- (2) The reduction in the number of licensed fixed-pitch hawkers may be due to factors such as natural attrition and surrender of licences through the Assistance Scheme. The top three hawker areas with the largest number of hawker licences surrendered up to 31 December 2015 in return for ex-gratia payment (EGP) under the Assistance Scheme are Tung Choi Street, Reclamation Street and Canton Road.

The Assistance Scheme seeks to provide the hawkers concerned with financial incentives to further reduce fire risks posed by on-street hawking activities in the hawker areas. We have made good progress in implementing the Assistance Scheme since it was launched in June 2013. All 496 hawker stalls located directly in front of staircase discharge points of adjacent building, or obstructing the operation of fire engines or other emergency vehicular access have been acted on by December 2015, namely 429 have completed the relocation exercise and another 67 have voluntarily surrendered their licences and vacated the pitches. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) would continue to follow up with the remaining hawker stalls and encourage hawkers to reconstruct their stall structures to meet the fire-resisting specifications. Eligible hawkers who have not yet exercised their option to surrender their licence (in return for an EGP) or apply for a grant to reconstruct their stalls may do so before the Assistance Scheme expires in June 2018.

Going forward, the Department would endeavor to identify areas which could bring about enhancement to the hawking environment in the course of administering the Assistance Scheme. This may include rationalising the overall layout of hawker stalls where circumstances permit. On whether to re-issue new hawker licences to fill any vacant pitches in the relevant hawker areas, the Department would carefully consider the case at a suitable time, taking into account the circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Council and local residents.

- (3) The number of raids against illegal hawking is determined by the number of complaints received and the actual situation at individual hawker blackspots.

Raiding operations are planned by Hawker Control Teams (HCTs) having regard to the prevailing situation in the districts, for the purpose of keeping the streets and main thoroughfares unobstructed and free from illegal hawkers as far as possible. The Department does not keep separate statistics on the quantity and value of the seized goods. In 2015, a total of 27 547 prosecutions were taken out and the amount of fines for convicted cases was \$14,965,312.

- (4) Hawker blackspots are locations where unlicensed hawkers congregate. The Department conducts surveys quarterly to identify and update the list of hawker blackspots. Whether a certain location is classified as a hawker blackspot or not depends on the number of unlicensed hawkers trading at the location at any one time of the day during the surveys. The Department will continue to adopt the strategies of mobile patrol and raiding to deter illegal hawking activities and to prevent unlicensed hawkers from taking root at these locations. If the hawkers concerned persist in trading and do not disperse, arrest action would follow. To enhance deterrence, HCTs also mount raiding operations at blackspots to arrest unlicensed hawkers and seize their goods and equipment. Annex II sets out the locations of the existing 45 blackspots.

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**Number of Applications Approved and Amount of Funding Involved  
(1.1.2015 - 31.12.2015)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of applications approved</b>	<b>Expenditure required</b>
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences	125	\$15 million
Relocation of stalls	192#	\$8.857 million
In-situ reconstruction of stalls	701#	\$25.142 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 018</b>	<b>\$48.999 million</b>

# Payment for relocation or in-situ reconstruction grant is subject to compliance with all stall construction specifications and clearance of existing stall structure.

**Location of Hawker Blackspots**

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Central and Western	1. The vicinity of Statue Square and Former Legislative Council Building
	2. The vicinity of Charter Garden and Murray Road
	3. Footbridge along Connaught Road Central and its vicinity
Wan Chai	4. Wan Chai Road (between Johnston Road and Cross Street), Tai Yuen Street, Cross Street, Stone Nullah Lane (between Johnston Road and Cross Street) and the vicinity
	5. Bowrington Road (between Hennessy Road and Sharp Street West) and Wan Chai Road (between Canal Road West and Tin Lok Lane)
Eastern	6. Area near Chai Wan Market including the open space outside Walton Estate, Yee Shun Street, Yee Tai Street, Yee Fung Street and the lane in front of Winner Centre
	7. Kam Wa Street area including Mong Lung Street and Tai Tak Street
	8. Marble Road area including North Point MTR Exits, Kam Hong Street, Shu Kuk Street, a section of King's Road between Kam Hong Street and Tin Chiu Street as well as the vicinity of Java Road Market
	9. Chun Yeung Street area including North Point Road, Tong Shui Road, a section of King's Road around Kam Hong Street, and Fortress Hill MTR Exits
	10. Siu Sai Wan area along Siu Sai Wan Road from Bus Terminus up to Fullview Garden
	11. Kut Shing Street and Chai Wan Footbridge outside Chai Wan MTR Station
	12. The streets around Sai Wan Ho Market including Tai On Street and section of Shau Kei Wan Road in front of Tai On Building, the vicinity of Quarry Bay Market including Quarry Bay Footbridge, a section of King's Road between Finnie Street and Hong On Street and outside Aeon area
Southern	13. Pavement between Aberdeen West Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Promenade
Islands	14. The areas in the vicinity of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier and Praya Street, Cheung Chau
	15. The areas at the junction of Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung, Lantau Island

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	16. Nathan Road section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	17. Sai Yeung Choi Street South section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	18. The vicinity of FEHD Mong Kok Market bounded by Nelson Street, Canton Road, Argyle Street and Tong Mi Road
	19. Fa Yuen Street section between Nullah Road and Dundas Street
	20. Sai Yee Street section between Argyle Street and Soy Street
	21. Portland Street section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
Sham Shui Po	22. Tung Chau Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street)
	23. Pei Ho Street (between Un Chau Street and Lai Chi Kok Road)
	24. Kweilin Street (between Apliu Street and Yu Chau Street)
Kowloon City	25. Bulkeley Street (between Gillies Ave South and Dock Street)
Wong Tai Sin	26. Tai Shing Street, Tai Tung Street and its vicinity
	27. Ngau Chi Wan Village and its vicinity
	28. Lung Cheung Road Shatin Pass Road
	29. Lok Fu MTR Station area near Wang Tau Hom East Road and its vicinity
	30. Ching Tak Street and its vicinity
	31. Tai Yau Street and its vicinity in San Po Kong Industrial Area
Kwun Tong	32. Tsun Yip Street/ How Ming Street / Hip Wo Street / Shui Wo Street / Hoi Yuen Road
	33. Footbridges of Telford Plaza linking Kowloon Bay MTR / Ngau Tau Kok Road of Amoy Plaza / Wang Hoi Road
	34. Lam Tin Estate passage way between Tak Tin Street and Ping Tin Street at side of Lam Tin Estate Bus Terminus
	35. On Wah Street / On Tak Road / Jordan Valley Road North / Ngau Tau Kok Road adjacent to Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate, Kwun Tong
Kwai Tsing	36. Sheung Ko Tan Street, Chung Mei Village, Tsing Yi



<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuen Mun	37. The vicinity of Sam Shing Estate
	38. Kai Man Path
	39. Mei Lok Lane
Yuen Long	40. Hop Choi Street
North	41. Sheung Shui MTR Station and its vicinity (including surrounding footbridges, Choi Yuen Road and San Wan Road)
	42. Fanling MTR Station and its vicinity (including Fanling Station Road and from adjoining footbridge to Pak Wo Road and Yat Ming Road)
Sha Tin	43. Under flyover between Lung Hang Estate and Sun Chui Estate
	44. Near Fun City, Lek Yuen Street
	45. Mei Tin Road

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)175**

**(Question Serial No. 0311)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the work of “managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars”, please provide information on the following:

- the location, name, year of commissioning, number of stalls that can be accommodated, current number of stalls and vacancy rate of each of the existing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the territory, with a breakdown by district;
- whether the Department plans to close any of the hawker permitted places or hawker bazaars; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; and
- whether stakeholders will be consulted before closure of such venues; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the number of licensed on-street hawker pitches, number of vacant hawker pitches and relevant vacancy rates in the territory is provided at Annex I.

Information on the name, year of commencement, number of licensed hawker pitches, number of vacant hawker pitches and vacancy rate for each of the hawker permitted places and hawker bazaars in the territory is provided at Annex II and Annex III respectively.

- (b) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has no plan to close any of the hawker permitted places. For hawker bazaars, the Department recognizes that there is a need to formulate exit plans for bazaars with high vacancy

rates to ensure that scarce land resources are released for redevelopment and put to gainful use. The Department will actively formulate improvement or exit plans for existing hawker bazaars, having regard to their business viability, the needs of the community, resource availability and competing priorities. In fact, the Department has closed Tai Lin Pai Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar in December 2015 and is now planning to close Yu Chau West Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar, Ma Kok Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar and Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar. The Department will continue to explore whether the other hawker bazaars can be put to alternative uses. There is no breakdown on the expenditure involved.

- (c) Before closure of any hawker venue, the Department will consult the relevant District Councils and discuss the exit arrangements with the affected hawkers.

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**On-street hawker fixed pitches  
(as at December 2015)**

District	Number of on-street fixed pitches		Vacancy rate  (b) / ((a)+(b))
	Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Central and Western	599	28	4.5%
Wanchai	430	17	3.8%
Eastern	376	11	2.8%
Southern	30	0	0%
Islands	2	0	0%
Yau Tsim	795	70	8.1%
Mong Kok	1 440	118	7.6%
Sham Shui Po	1 006	60	5.6%
Kowloon City	104	2	1.9%
Wong Tai Sin	17	0	0%
Kwun Tong	61	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	13	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	20	0	0%
Tuen Mun	8	0	0%
Yuen Long	16	0	0%
North	7	0	0%
Tai Po	6	0	0%
Shatin	1	0	0%
Sai Kung	3	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 934</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

Remarks: \* The figure represents the number of pitches vacated as a result of voluntary surrender of hawker licences under the Hawker Assistance Scheme. The figure does not include pitches located outside building staircase discharge points / emergency vehicular access, earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations or absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas. Fixed-pitches vacated for other reasons and reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments are also excluded.

**Hawker fixed pitches  
in hawker permitted places  
(as at December 2015)**

District	Serial No.	Hawker Permitted Place	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy rate (b) / ((a)+(b))
				Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Eastern	1	Kam Wa Street / Aldrich Street	1981	79	2	2.5%
	2	Mong Lung Street	1981	11	0	0%
	3	Tai Tak Street	1981	1	0	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>				91	2	2.2%
Wanchai	4	Gresson Street	1980	4	0	0%
	5	Tai Yuen Street	1980	71	0	0%
	6	Cross Street / Sam Pan Street	1991	10	1	9.1%
<b>Sub-total</b>				85	1	1.2%
Central and Western	7	Findlay Road	1999	6	0	0%
	8	Chiu Lung Street (East)	1999	9	0	0%
	9	Gilman's Bazaar	1985	4	0	0%
	10	Graham Street	1980	17	9	34.6%
	11	MacDonnell Road	1980	1	0	0%
	12	Peel Street	1980	3	9	75.0%
	13	Staunton Street	1980	0	0	0%
	14	Wing Kut Street	1980	2	0	0%
	15	Wing On Street	1980	3	0	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>				45	18	28.6%
Southern	16	Waterfall Bay Park	1980	11	0	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>				11	0	0%
Yau Tsim	17	Reclamation Street	1981	34	28	45.2%
	18	Pak Hoi Street	1981	6	3	33.3%
	19	Temple Street	1981	268	17	6.0%
	20	Canton Road	1993	2	0	0%
	21	Pitt Street	1994	0	0	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>				310	48	13.4%

District	Serial No.	Hawker Permitted Place	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy rate  (b) / ((a)+(b))
				Licensed (a)	Vacant* (b)	
Sham Shui Po	22	Wing Lung Street	1975	43	22	33.8%
	23	Fat Tseung Street	1975	14	8	36.4%
	24	Cheung Fat Street	1975	9	15	62.5%
	25	Apliu Street	1978	42	7	14.3%
	26	Fuk Wing Street	1993	39	1	2.5%
	27	Kweilin Street	1993	59	0	0%
	28	Ki Lung Street	1993	91	4	4.2%
	29	Pei Ho Street	1993	29	1	3.3%
	30	Tai Nan Street	1993	60	0	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>				386	58	13.1%
Mong Kok	31	Tung Choi Street	1979	629	64	9.2%
	32	Cheung Wong Road	1979	2	0	0%
	33	Nelson Street	1979	52	10	16.1%
	34	Nam Tau Street	1979	1	0	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>				684	74	9.8%
<b>Total</b>				<b>1612</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

Note : \*The figure represents the number of pitches vacated as a result of voluntary surrender of hawker licences under the Hawker Assistance Scheme. The figure does not include pitches located outside building staircase discharge points / emergency vehicular access, earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations or absorbed in the course of rationalisation of the overall layout of hawker areas. Fixed-pitches vacated for other reasons and reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments are also excluded.

**Hawker fixed pitches in hawker bazaars  
(as at December 2015)**

District	Serial No.	Hawker Bazaar	Year of Commencement	Number of fixed pitches		Vacancy Rate
				Licensed	Vacant*	
				(a)	(b)	(b) / ((a)+(b))
Southern	1	Stanley Market Open Space Hawker Bazaar	1973	21	4	16%
Yau Tsim	2	Haiphong Road Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1978	11	9	45.0%
	3	Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	4	8	66.7%
	4	Woosung Street Temporary Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1984	17	7	29.2%
	5	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone A)	1985	60	0	0%
	6	Yau Ma Tei Jade Hawker Bazaar (Zone B)	1985	290	0	0%
Shum Shui Po	7	Yu Chau West Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1977	3	23	88.5%
	8	Yen Chow Street Hawker Bazaar	1978	20	0	0%
Kwun Tong	9	Lai Yip Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1976	6	4	40.0%
	10	Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar	2014	125	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	11	Ma Kok Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1978	9	27	75.0%
	12	Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1970	5	31	86.1%
	13	Hau Tei Square Hawker Bazaar	1980	93	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	14	Kwai Wing Road Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	1972	5	15	75.0%
Tuen Mun	15	Lam Tei Market cum Hawker Bazaar	1969	4	0	0%

Note: \*Frozen pitches reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments are excluded.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)176**

**(Question Serial No. 0313)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the work of continuing to improve the management and upgrade the facilities of public markets, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of stalls, occupancy rate, vacancy rate and average stall rental per square metre of individual public markets (listed by air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned markets) in the territory over the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015); and
- (b) given that at present, a certain support rate among stallholders is needed for undertaking the retrofitting of air-conditioning in a public market and that the specified rate has been lowered from 85% to 80% since 1 July 2015, the support rate in each of the currently non-air-conditioned public markets.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is set out at Annex.
- (b) The Government has lowered the threshold of tenants' support for the installation of air-conditioning facilities in public markets from 85% to 80% with effect from 1 July 2015. The results of questionnaire surveys show that the Aberdeen Market has a support rate of 80.36% and the Ngau Tau Kok Market Cooked Food Centre has a support rate of 90%. In addition, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department completed in December 2015 the consultation with the Market Management



Consultative Committees of all 74 markets without air-conditioning facilities<sup>1</sup> and 27 of them supported conducting a questionnaire survey. We are following up the surveys to collect tenants' views on the installation of air-conditioning facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> Including markets where air-conditioning facilities have been installed in their cooked food centres but not in dry and wet goods stalls.

Serial No.	Name of Public Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls			Occupancy rate* as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December			Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)		
			2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
1	Aldrich Bay Market	yes	71	71	71	80%	82%	85%	20%	18%	15%	793	788	751
2	Apleichau Market	yes	63	63	63	92%	98%	98%	8%	2%	2%	216	228	233
3	Centre Street Market	yes	47	47	46	77%	74%	85%	23%	26%	15%	409	412	425
4	Chai Wan Market	yes	173	173	173	95%	94%	95%	5%	6%	5%	422	424	485
5	Lei Yue Mun Market	yes	20	20	20	80%	100%	90%	20%	0%	10%	266	267	268
6	Luen Wo Hui Market	yes	338	338	338	96%	97%	99%	4%	3%	1%	412	400	410
7	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	yes	14	14	14	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	988	988	988
8	Peng Chau Market	yes	18	18	18	89%	89%	94%	11%	11%	6%	92	92	93
9	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	yes	11	11	11	91%	91%	100%	9%	9%	0%	1,146	1,146	1,305
10	Sai Ying Pun Market	yes	102	102	102	88%	88%	89%	12%	12%	11%	264	267	280
11	San Hui Market	yes	324	324	324	98%	99%	100%	2%	1%	0%	561	565	567
12	Sha Tin Market	yes	173	172	172	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	970	977	1,006
13	Shek Wu Hui Market	yes	392	392	392	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	370	370	376
14	Tai Kiu Market	yes	379	379	379	96%	98%	98%	4%	2%	2%	585	598	587
15	Tai Kok Tsui Market	yes	135	135	135	100%	99%	100%	0%	1%	0%	427	428	429
16	Tai Po Hui Market	yes	313	313	313	100%	100%	99%	0%	0%	1%	607	605	610
17	Tsing Yi Market	yes	76	76	76	95%	91%	91%	5%	9%	9%	959	970	976
18	Wanchai Market	yes	50	50	50	98%	100%	100%	2%	0%	0%	884	989	992
19	Yan Oi Market	yes	108	108	108	99%	99%	98%	1%	1%	2%	407	407	410
20	Yee On Street Market	yes	65	65	65	88%	98%	95%	12%	2%	5%	232	228	232
21	Yue Wan Market	yes	374	374	374	94%	94%	97%	6%	6%	3%	462	469	478
22	Bowrington Road Market	only in CFC	296	296	296	100%	99%	99%	0%	1%	1%	402	457	459
23	Hung Hom Market	only in CFC	224	224	224	99%	100%	100%	1%	0%	0%	198	204	206
24	Java Road Market	only in CFC	194	194	194	95%	97%	96%	5%	3%	4%	365	397	388

Serial No.	Name of Public Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls			Occupancy rate* as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December			Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)		
			2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
25	Lockhart Road Market	only in CFC	166	166	166	89%	89%	83%	11%	11%	17%	285	292	297
26	Pei Ho Street Market	only in CFC	227	227	227	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	241	255	255
27	Sai Wan Ho Market	only in CFC	274	274	274	96%	98%	99%	4%	2%	1%	320	331	331
28	Sheung Wan Market	only in CFC	223	222	222	92%	98%	99%	8%	2%	1%	186	188	191
29	Smithfield Market	only in CFC	215	216	216	99%	100%	100%	1%	0%	0%	204	210	210
30	Tai Shing Street Market	only in CFC	446	446	446	95%	94%	95%	5%	6%	5%	316	317	333
31	Tokwawan Market	only in CFC	267	267	267	100%	99%	99%	0%	1%	1%	343	343	354
32	Wong Nai Chung Market	only in CFC	69	69	69	97%	99%	97%	3%	1%	3%	242	254	252
33	Aberdeen Market	no	335	335	335	97%	99%	99%	3%	1%	1%	626	632	631
34	Causeway Bay Market	no	51	51	51	98%	100%	98%	2%	0%	2%	153	158	157
35	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	no	32	32	32	100%	100%	94%	0%	0%	6%	192	218	195
36	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	no	17	17	17	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	173	173	173
37	Cheung Chau Market	no	237	237	237	98%	100%	100%	2%	0%	0%	178	184	184
38	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	no	28	28	28	43%	43%	43%	57%	57%	57%	168	168	168
39	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	no	12	12	12	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	169	169	169
40	Choi Hung Road Market	no	116	116	116	79%	78%	74%	21%	22%	26%	148	148	144
41	Electric Road Market	no	99	99	99	98%	98%	95%	2%	2%	5%	192	191	191
42	Fa Yuen Street Market	no	180	180	180	99%	98%	100%	1%	2%	0%	530	528	540
43	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	no	24	24	24	96%	100%	100%	4%	0%	0%	294	309	309
44	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	no	15	15	15	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	222	222	222

Serial No.	Name of Public Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls			Occupancy rate* as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December			Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)		
45	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	no	88	88	88	66%	66%	66%	34%	34%	34%	319	319	319
46	Heung Che Street Market	no	223	223	223	99%	99%	96%	1%	1%	4%	269	278	279
47	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	no	11	11	11	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	343	343	343
48	Hung Shui Kiu Market	no	215	215	215	39%	38%	37%	61%	62%	63%	235	237	234
49	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	no	17	16	16	88%	81%	69%	12%	19%	31%	602	377	397
50	Kam Tin Market	no	41	41	41	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	83	83	83
51	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	no	14	14	14	100%	100%	93%	0%	0%	7%	392	392	413
52	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	no	20	20	17	80%	85%	100%	20%	15%	0%	299	320	320
53	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	no	14	14	14	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	135	135	135
54	Kowloon City Market	no	581	581	581	98%	98%	98%	2%	2%	2%	278	276	283
55	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	no	11	11	11	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	162	162	162
56	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	no	12	12	12	100%	92%	92%	0%	8%	8%	162	158	158
57	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	no	98	98	98	100%	99%	100%	0%	1%	0%	52	53	54
58	Kwun Chung Market	no	218	218	218	98%	99%	99%	2%	1%	1%	162	172	202
59	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	no	29	29	29	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	99	99	99
60	Lai Wan Market	no	42	42	42	98%	98%	98%	2%	2%	2%	695	670	670
61	Lam Tei Market	no	7	7	7	100%	86%	100%	0%	14%	0%	59	58	66
62	Lau Fau Shan Market	no	25	25	25	88%	88%	88%	12%	12%	12%	32	32	32

Serial No.	Name of Public Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls			Occupancy rate* as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December			Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)		
63	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	no	20	20	20	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	148	148	148
64	Mui Wo Market	no	33	35	35	97%	100%	97%	3%	0%	3%	176	182	183
65	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	no	28	28	28	89%	89%	89%	11%	11%	11%	477	467	467
66	Ngau Chi Wan Market	no	402	402	402	94%	95%	93%	6%	5%	7%	357	357	380
67	Ngau Tau Kok Market	no	466	466	466	87%	88%	86%	13%	12%	14%	478	481	477
68	North Kwai Chung Market	no	222	222	222	92%	97%	98%	8%	3%	2%	280	279	281
69	North Point Market	no	42	42	42	98%	90%	98%	2%	10%	2%	177	170	175
70	On Ching Road Flower Market	no	13	13	13	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	167	167	167
71	Plover Cove Road Market	no	244	244	244	99%	99%	97%	1%	1%	3%	211	225	232
72	Po On Road Market	no	449	449	449	90%	94%	96%	10%	6%	4%	411	402	415
73	Quarry Bay Market	no	115	113	113	83%	93%	92%	17%	7%	8%	224	224	232
74	Sai Kung Market	no	209	209	209	99%	100%	99%	1%	0%	1%	224	226	228
75	Sha Tau Kok Market	no	66	66	66	94%	100%	100%	6%	0%	0%	24	22	23
76	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	no	29	29	29	76%	100%	100%	24%	0%	0%	102	110	110
77	Shaukeiwan Market	no	82	82	82	56%	56%	56%	44%	44%	44%	130	130	130
78	Shek Tong Tsui Market	no	151	151	151	99%	97%	94%	1%	3%	6%	231	234	229
79	Sheung Fung Street Market	no	71	71	71	100%	100%	99%	0%	0%	1%	233	234	241
80	Shui Wo Street Market	no	302	302	302	98%	99%	99%	2%	1%	1%	622	633	639
81	Stanley Waterfront Mart	no	20	20	20	90%	95%	90%	10%	5%	10%	1,498	1,543	1,489
82	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	no	17	17	17	100%	88%	88%	0%	12%	12%	505	460	460

Serial No.	Name of Public Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls			Occupancy rate* as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December			Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)		
83	Tai O Market	no	26	26	26	96%	85%	88%	4%	15%	12%	54	57	56
84	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	no	18	18	18	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	237	237	237
85	Tai Wai Market	no	195	195	195	90%	90%	89%	10%	10%	11%	523	520	521
86	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	no	20	20	20	90%	100%	80%	10%	0%	20%	41	42	40
87	Tang Lung Chau Market	no	34	34	34	100%	97%	97%	0%	3%	3%	345	349	349
88	Tin Wan Market	no	180	180	180	97%	100%	100%	3%	0%	0%	174	179	179
89	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	no	18	18	18	100%	98%	100%	0%	2%	0%	157	151	178
90	Tsuen King Circuit Market	no	241	241	241	31%	24%	21%	69%	76%	79%	73	76	81
91	Tsuen Wan Market	no	381	381	381	94%	96%	93%	6%	4%	7%	385	383	387
92	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	no	56	56	56	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	111	111	114
93	Tui Min Hoi Market	no	34	34	34	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	45	45	45
94	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	no	359	359	359	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	187	191	192
95	Tung Yick Market	no	446	446	446	43%	42%	42%	57%	58%	58%	217	217	216
96	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	no	8	8	8	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	271	271	271
97	Wing Fong Street Market	no	112	112	112	92%	93%	93%	8%	7%	7%	290	307	317
98	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	no	18	18	18	89%	94%	94%	11%	6%	6%	154	177	188
99	Yau Ma Tei Market	no	144	144	144	91%	99%	99%	9%	1%	1%	246	252	265
100	Yeung Uk Road Market	no	318	318	318	100%	98%	98%	0%	2%	2%	307	305	304
101	Yue Kwong Road Market	no	197	197	197	96%	98%	100%	4%	2%	0%	376	368	334

Remarks:

\* Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls versus the total number of stalls in a market.

CFC – Cooked Food Centre in public market

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)177****(Question Serial No. 0315 )**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:

With regard to the supply of livestock and poultry, please advise on the following:

- (a) the average, highest and lowest daily number of live pigs, live cattle and live chickens imported from the Mainland and supplied locally in each of the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015), with a breakdown by year and source of supply;
- (b) the monthly average price of live pigs and live cattle supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015); and
- (c) whether work is still underway in identifying an appropriate site for relocating the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market; if yes, the progress and the estimated expenditure involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 39)Reply:

- (a) Information on the number of live pigs, live cattle and live chickens imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Calendar Year	Daily number of live pigs, live cattle and live chickens imported from the Mainland								
	Pigs			Cattle			Chickens		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2013	4 317	5 565	1 942	52	116	8	6 307	9 600	2 300
2014	4 452	6 298	2 597	51	110	9	2 499 <sup>@</sup>	10 200	1 500
2015	4 338	6 993	2 094	49	97	8	168 <sup>#</sup>	2 900	1 400

<sup>@</sup> There was no supply of imported live chickens from 28 January to 5 September 2014.



- # Import of live chickens was last suspended as from 31 December 2014 due to the temporary closure of the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) after the detection of a H7 avian influenza positive consignment of imported live poultry. Trading of live poultry at CSWTWPM resumed on 22 January 2015. However, there was no import of live poultry until 10 February 2015 and the import quantity has since been significantly reduced compared to the average in the past.

Information on the number of live pigs and live chickens supplied from local farms in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Calendar Year	Daily number of live pigs and live chickens supplied from local farms <sup>+</sup>					
	Pigs			Chickens		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2013	264	529	24	10 546	69 956	2 000
2014	240	432	43	10 961	36 675	4 100
2015	235	411	7	11 110	47 912	1 500

<sup>+</sup> Local farms are not engaged in rearing cattle as food animals.

- (b) Information on the auction or wholesale prices of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Calendar Year	Average Auction Price of Live Pigs (per picul)	Average Wholesale Price of Live Cattle (per picul)*	
		Marbled Meat Cattle	Beef Cattle
2013	\$1,350	\$4,497	\$4,093
2014	\$1,253	\$4,690	\$4,070
2015	\$1,361	\$4,690	\$4,070

\* The wholesale price of live cattle is determined by the wholesale agent. The wholesale prices of marbled meat cattle and beef cattle were last adjusted to HK\$4,690 / picul and HK\$4,070 / picul respectively on 6 May 2013.

- (c) The Government is conducting a consultancy study on the future of the live poultry trade in Hong Kong, including whether the sale of live poultry should continue, and will consult the public on the recommendations of the consultant afterwards. Subject to the outcome of the consultancy study and the public views received on the recommendation of the consultant, the Government will formulate its views on the relocation of CSWTWPM.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)178**

**(Question Serial No. 2990)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Department adopts a “risk-based” approach in conducting microbiological, chemical and radiological tests on food samples, with its food safety testing standards always kept updated. In recent years, however, food safety incidents were all first reported outside Hong Kong. Please advise under what conditions the Department will update its risk assessment and food safety testing standards.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The Government adopts the World Health Organization (WHO)’s “from farm to table” strategy in safeguarding Hong Kong’s food safety. The Food Surveillance Programme of the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) monitors food on sale to ensure its compliance with the legal requirements and fitness for human consumption. CFS takes food samples at the import, wholesale and retail levels (including online retailers) and adopts a risk-based approach in determining the types of samples to be collected, the frequency and number of samples taken for testing, and the types of laboratory analysis to be conducted. The sampling programme is under regular review by CFS, taking into account factors such as past food surveillance results, both local and overseas food incidents, and relevant risk analyses. Risk profiling is an ongoing process. If there are any food incidents which are of local relevance and with potential public health risk, CFS will take prompt follow-up measures to protect public health.

Regarding updating local food standards, CFS mainly makes reference to international food standards established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission<sup>1</sup>, and scientific evaluations performed by internationally recognised authorities, such as the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives, and the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, in addition to local food consumption pattern.

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<sup>1</sup> Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international body established in 1963 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and the WHO to develop food standards and guidelines for protecting the health of consumers and ensuring fair trade practices in the food trade.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)179**

**(Question Serial No. 2991)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to foods (other than food ingredients) imported from the Mainland and foods for sale online, please advise how the Department will step up the sampling and testing work this year, and whether a separate set of standards or procedures will be established in this connection; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety's (CFS) Food Surveillance Programme (Programme) takes food samples at the import, wholesale and retail levels (including online sale) using a risk-based approach. The sampling programme is under regular review each year, taking into account past food surveillance results, local and overseas food incidents as well as relevant risk analyses etc, and is endorsed by the Expert Committee on Food Safety. The same set of standards, which is science-based, is applied to all samples with a view to safeguarding food safety and public health.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)180**

**(Question Serial No. 2992)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please list the projects that the Department will take forward this year for the provision of more crematorium and columbarium facilities, as well as their expected completion dates.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

On public crematorium facilities, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has completed in 2015 the reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium (providing ten new cremators and ancillary facilities). The total number of cremators in use would stay at 32 in 2016-17.

On public columbarium facilities, the Government has been promoting development of columbaria in all districts and identified 24 potential sites in the territory for columbarium development to increase the supply of public niches. Among these 24 sites, the construction of 1 540 new niches in the Diamond Hill Columbarium and 1 000 niches in Cheung Chau Cemetery was completed in 2012 and 2013 respectively.

The Department has obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2015 for the provision of 160 000 niches at Tsang Tsui, the construction works of which are scheduled for completion in 2019. The Department has also consulted and obtained the in-principle support of the relevant District Councils for the construction of 855 niches at Wong Nai Chung Road, 20 000 niches at Tsing Tsuen Road, 200 000 niches at Sandy Ridge Cemetery, 25 000 niches at Chai Wan and 44 000 niches at Wo Hop Shek (Phase I). The next step is to proceed with the conceptual/detailed design, as applicable, of the relevant projects. Subject to funding approval in 2016, construction works for the Wong Nai Chung Road and Wo Hop Shek (Phase I) projects are scheduled for completion in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)181**

**(Question Serial No. 2993)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will provide a flexible mix of trade and carry out promotional activities for public markets. As such, apart from publicity materials, i.e. the "Recipes of Chef's Daily Recommendation" and "Market Newsletter", which are only one-way disseminator of information, will there be any new initiatives? Will the Department consider organising activities that encourage public participation? What is the estimated expenditure in this respect?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

As an on-going initiative, besides the display of "Recipes of Chef's Daily Recommendation" and the publication of "Market Newsletter", the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to conduct various promotional activities in public markets, including games booths, exhibitions, talks, cooking demonstrations and distribution of souvenirs as well as other promotional activities, that could help attract members of the public to visit public markets. The estimated cost of market promotional activities in 2016-17 is \$7 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)182**

**(Question Serial No. 2994)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the under-utilised public markets which the Department is planning to close this year. Please also advise on the current usage rate of and number of tenants in each of the markets concerned.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

To enhance the patronage of existing public markets, as an on-going initiative, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts promotional activities. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will appropriately let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce a greater variety of service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

In addition, the Government is following up the Consultant's improvement proposals for the six selected markets in phases. The Department consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated costs and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at those two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-2017.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the Consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating

environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

Nonetheless, as a result of demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has been diminishing over time thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates (the vacancy rates of individual public markets are provided at Annex). When considering whether an under-utilised public market is to be closed, we will take into account a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant District Councils, etc. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Department, the vacated premises will be handled according to established procedures. Depending on the circumstances, the Government Property Agency, Planning Department or Lands Department may be requested to seek inputs from other government departments to put the premises to gainful long-term use.

Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with the relevant bureaux/departments and District Councils on identification of public markets that may be closed.

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Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
1	Aberdeen Market	335	99%	1%
2	Aldrich Bay Market	71	85%	15%
3	Apleichau Market	63	98%	2%
4	Bowrington Road Market	296	99%	1%
5	Causeway Bay Market	51	98%	2%
6	Centre Street Market	46	85%	15%
7	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	32	94%	6%
8	Chai Wan Market	173	95%	5%
9	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	17	100%	0%
10	Cheung Chau Market	237	100%	0%
11	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	28	43%	57%
12	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	12	100%	0%
13	Choi Hung Road Market	116	74%	26%
14	Electric Road Market	99	95%	5%
15	Fa Yuen Street Market	180	100%	0%
16	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	24	100%	0%
17	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	15	100%	0%
18	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	88	66%	34%
19	Heung Che Street Market	223	96%	4%
20	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
21	Hung Hom Market	224	100%	0%
22	Hung Shui Kiu Market	215	37%	63%
23	Java Road Market	194	96%	4%
24	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	16	69%	31%
25	Kam Tin Market	41	100%	0%
26	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	14	93%	7%
27	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	17	100%	0%
28	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	14	100%	0%
29	Kowloon City Market	581	98%	2%
30	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
31	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	12	92%	8%
32	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	98	100%	0%
33	Kwun Chung Market	218	99%	1%

Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
34	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	29	100%	0%
35	Lai Wan Market	42	98%	2%
36	Lam Tei Market	7	100%	0%
37	Lau Fau Shan Market	25	88%	12%
38	Lei Yue Mun Market	20	90%	10%
39	Lockhart Road Market	166	83%	17%
40	Luen Wo Hui Market	338	99%	1%
41	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	14	100%	0%
42	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	20	100%	0%
43	Mui Wo Market	35	97%	3%
44	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	28	89%	11%
45	Ngau Chi Wan Market	402	93%	7%
46	Ngau Tau Kok Market	466	86%	14%
47	North Kwai Chung Market	222	98%	2%
48	North Point Market	42	98%	2%
49	On Ching Road Flower Market	13	100%	0%
50	Pei Ho Street Market	227	100%	0%
51	Peng Chau Market	18	94%	6%
52	Plover Cove Road Market	244	97%	3%
53	Po On Road Market	449	96%	4%
54	Quarry Bay Market	113	92%	8%
55	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	11	100%	0%
56	Sai Kung Market	209	99%	1%
57	Sai Wan Ho Market	274	99%	1%
58	Sai Ying Pun Market	102	89%	11%
59	San Hui Market	324	100%	0%
60	Sha Tau Kok Market	66	100%	0%
61	Sha Tin Market	172	100%	0%
62	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	29	100%	0%
63	Shaukeiwan Market	82	56%	44%
64	Shek Tong Tsui Market	151	94%	6%
65	Shek Wu Hui Market	392	100%	0%
66	Sheung Fung Street Market	71	99%	1%
67	Sheung Wan Market	222	99%	1%
68	Shui Wo Street Market	302	99%	1%

69	Smithfield Market	216	100%	0%
70	Stanley Waterfront Mart	20	90%	10%

Serial No.	Name of Market	As at 31 December 2015		
		No. of stalls	Occupancy rate*	Vacancy rate
71	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	88%	12%
72	Tai Kiu Market	379	98%	2%
73	Tai Kok Tsui Market	135	100%	0%
74	Tai O Market	26	88%	12%
75	Tai Po Hui Market	313	99%	1%
76	Tai Shing Street Market	446	95%	5%
77	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	18	100%	0%
78	Tai Wai Market	195	89%	11%
79	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	20	80%	20%
80	Tang Lung Chau Market	34	97%	3%
81	Tin Wan Market	180	100%	0%
82	Tokwawan Market	267	99%	1%
83	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	18	100%	0%
84	Tsing Yi Market	76	91%	9%
85	Tsuen King Circuit Market	241	21%	79%
86	Tsuen Wan Market	381	93%	7%
87	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	56	100%	0%
88	Tui Min Hoi Market	34	100%	0%
89	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	359	50%	50%
90	Tung Yick Market	446	42%	58%
91	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	8	100%	0%
92	Wanchai Market	50	100%	0%
93	Wing Fong Street Market	112	93%	7%
94	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	18	94%	6%
95	Wong Nai Chung Market	69	97%	3%
96	Yan Oi Market	108	98%	2%
97	Yau Ma Tei Market	144	99%	1%
98	Yee On Street Market	65	95%	5%
99	Yeung Uk Road Market	318	98%	2%
100	Yue Kwong Road Market	197	100%	0%
101	Yue Wan Market	374	97%	3%

\* Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls versus the total number of stalls in a market.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)183**

**(Question Serial No. 2995)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise how the Department will review the hawker control officers' attitude and the approach they take during enforcement operations to avoid possible large-scale clashes between the Police and members of the public in future.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The hawker management and enforcement operations conducted by the Hawker Control Team (HCT) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) have never caused any large-scale clashes between the Police and members of the public in the past.

To ensure that hawker management operations are effectively carried out, the Department has issued operational guidelines to its staff covering issues such as safety consideration during raiding operations, arrest and prosecution procedures. The guidelines state clearly that the safety of hawkers, passers-by and hawker control officers is of primary importance. These guidelines are reviewed from time to time in view of changes in operational requirements and feedback from staff.

The Department also provides structured and tailor-made training to staff of the HCT to equip them with skills in handling difficult situations. In going about discharging their duties, FEHD staff are guided by the principle of communicating with any members of the general public with respect, patience and courtesy.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)184**

**(Question Serial No. 2629)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (1) Please advise on the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted by the Department in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by year and the 18 districts in the territory.
- (2) Please advise on the manpower and expenditure involved in the Department's action against shop front extensions in each of the past three years; and given the implementation of the Fixed Penalty System in the immediate future, the manpower and expenditure in this respect in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

- (1) Information sought in respect of shop front extensions (SFEs) is provided at Annex.
- (2) For 2013-14 and 2014-15, the manpower and expenditure involved in actions against SFEs was absorbed by the then available resources of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). In 2015-16, the Department set up three task force teams to combat SFEs at blackspots by creating 39 civil service posts, comprising 33 Hawker Control Officer (HCO) grade staff and six workmen. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 39 posts is about \$10.1 million.

In 2016-17, the Department will set up two additional task force teams, comprising 22 HCO grade staff and four workmen, to further strengthen enforcement against SFEs across the territory. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 26 posts is about \$7.1 million. The Fixed Penalty System being set up seeks to provide an additional tool for tackling SFE problems. Any work involved would be taken as part of the Department's overall enforcement work in this respect.

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**Number of Complaints and Prosecutions  
against Shop Front Extensions**

District \ Year	Number of Complaints			Number of Prosecutions		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	445	631	563	422	660	780
Wan Chai	537	700	688	2 134	1 403	1 470
Eastern	2 946	2 655	1 615	2 952	2 841	1 657
Southern	211	155	282	714	633	593
Islands	132	94	125	21	28	30
Yau Tsim	1 202	944	767	748	140	140
Mong Kok	1 246	1 108	1 777	3 001	2 112	2 298
Sham Shui Po	2 023	2 401	2 204	1 720	2 307	2 156
Kowloon City	1 254	1 234	1 152	1 369	1 330	891
Wong Tai Sin	822	456	377	527	675	869
Kwun Tong	1 010	651	409	991	488	242
Kwai Tsing	541	410	290	608	417	338
Tsuen Wan	2 695	921	893	2 249	1 597	1 739
Tuen Mun	594	386	373	1 369	1 484	684
Yuen Long	1 755	4 087	1 517	3 770	3 738	2 878
North	520	710	468	196	189	328
Tai Po	973	622	340	2 169	1 185	755
Shatin	758	436	333	1 767	1 056	690
Sai Kung	259	250	201	169	211	166
Total	19 923	18 851	14 374	26 896	22 494	18 704

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)185**

**(Question Serial No. 2630 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “continue to enhance the viability of public markets by improving management, upgrading facilities, providing a more flexible mix of trade, and carrying out promotional activities”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. details of the work on providing “a more flexible” mix of trade, and of the promotional activities carried out by the Department in the past year;
2. given the Government’s reply to my enquiry dated 24 February 2016 that “we plan to increase the Department’s manpower to enhance the management of markets”, details of the manpower for market management and its change in each of the past three years and in the coming year; and
3. whether the Department has reviewed the current average staffing expenses for managing markets of different sizes; whether there is any plan to enhance the efficiency of management.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

1. To provide “a more flexible” mix of trade, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) introduced a greater variety of service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rates of public markets. In 2015-16, we successfully let out stalls for conducting service trades such as Chinese medicine practitioners / bone-setters’ clinics, computer-related services, beauty / manicure / massage parlours,



laundry delivery services, etc. in a number of public markets. In parallel, the Department continued with promotional activities to enhance the patronage of public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information.

2. Information on the manpower deployed for market management in the past three years is given below:

<b>Manpower</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
Civil Servant	115	115	115
Non-civil Service Contract Staff	81	81	81
Contractors' Staff	187	188	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>376</b>

The Department plans to create an additional 13 civil service foreman posts in 2016-17 to strengthen the existing manpower in market management.

3. Deployment of market staff is district-based. In determining the number of management and cleansing staff in each district, the Department will consider factors including the number and size of markets, number of market stalls, facilities available in the markets and market conditions. We have been monitoring the expenditure for managing markets closely, and will continue to explore possible ways to further enhance efficiency.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)186**

**(Question Serial No. 2631)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the collection of household waste and management of refuse collection points (RCPs) under this programme, please advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) the location and area of each RCP installed with a mobile refuse compactor, as well as the daily average amount of refuse handled by the compactor, as at 31 December 2015;
- 2) whether there is any plan to install mobile refuse compactors in the other RCPs in 2016-17; if yes, the details and the expenditure in this respect; and
- 3) whether the newly built RCPs will require space to be reserved for installing mobile refuse compactors.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1) As at 31 December 2015, there are 43 permanent off-street refuse collection points (RCPs) managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) which are provided with mobile refuse compactors. The particulars of these RCPs (namely their location, site area and the estimated amount of refuse handled) are given at Annex.
- 2) The Department plans to install, in 2016-17, mobile refuse compactor in another two permanent off-street RCPs in Eastern District, namely Tung Hei Road RCP and Hing Man Street RCP. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure involved.

- 3) The Department will consider the provision of mobile refuse compactor in individual RCPs, including those under planning, on the basis of operational needs and where the site situation permits.

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**List of permanent off-street public refuse collection points (RCPs)  
provided with mobile refuse compactors**

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area (square metres)</b>	<b>Estimated daily amount of refuse handled (tonnes)</b>
<b>Central and Western</b>	Shek Tong Tsui RCP	Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building, No. 470, Queen's Road West	430	19
	In Ku Lane RCP	No.8, In Ku Lane, Sheung Wan	364	12
	Man Kat Street RCP	Junction of Man Kat Street & Connaught Road Central	360	35
	Lan Kwai Fong RCP	At side of Lan Kwai Fong Sitting-out Area	312	30
<b>Eastern</b>	Tanner Road RCP	No. 63, Tanner Road	435	6
	Java Road RCP	No. 94, Java Road (G/F of Java Road Market)	170	20
<b>Wanchai</b>	Sing Woo Road RCP	Junction of Sing Woo Road & Yik Yam Street	304	14
	Luard Road RCP	Junction of Luard Road & Johnston Road	224	25
	Gloucester Road RCP	Opposite No. 250, Gloucester Road	104	27
<b>Kowloon City</b>	Ma Tau Kok Road RCP	Ma Tau Kok Road	430	15
	Kowloon City Complex RCP	Hau Wong Road (Kowloon City Municipal Service Building)	184	17
	Baker Street RCP	No.65, Baker Street	170	21
<b>Mong Kok</b>	Anchor Street RCP	No. 55, Anchor Street	212	13
	Dundas Street RCP	Junction of Dundas Street & Tung Choi Street	170	46
	Nullah Road RCP	Opposite Nos. 3-13, Nullah Street	158	16
	Yu Chau Street RCP	Opposite No. 47, Yu Chau Street	131	23

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area (square metres)</b>	<b>Estimated daily amount of refuse handled (tonnes)</b>
<b>Shum Shui Po</b>	Cheung Wah Street RCP	360 Shun Ning Road	420	21
	Un Chau Street RCP	Nos. 59 – 63, Un Chau Street	410	24
<b>Wong Tai Sin</b>	Yi Lun Street RCP	G/F, San Po Kong Plaza, No. 33, Shung Ling Street, San Po Kong	220	20
<b>Yau Tsim</b>	Parkes Street RCP	No. 107, Parkes Street, Jordan	372	30
	Market Street RCP	No. 1, Market Street, Yau Ma Tei	280	10
	Kwun Chung Street RCP	No. 17, Bowring Street, Jordan	162	20
	Minden Row RCP	Opposite No.3, Minden Row, Tsim Sha Tsui	127	15
<b>North</b>	Fu Hing Street RCP	At side of No. 16, Fu Hing Street, Sheung Shui	298	22
	Luen Fat Street RCP	Opposite No.18, Luen Fat Street, Fanling	246	13
<b>Sai Kung</b>	Yi Chun Street RCP	Yi Chun Street (opposite to Sai Kung Market)	195	10
	Fuk Man Road RCP	Fuk Man Road (at side of Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground)	150	6
<b>Sha Tin</b>	Chik Fai Street Tai Wai RCP	Chik Fai Street, Tai Wai	55	4
<b>Tuen Mun</b>	Tsing Hoi Circuit RCP (Area 37B )	Area 37B, Tsing Hoi Circuit	170	8
	Tseng Choi Street RCP (Area 4B)	Area 4B, Tseng Choi Street	170	7
	Kai Fat Path RCP (Area 10A)	Kai Fat Path, Yan Ching Street	146	10
<b>Tai Po</b>	Yan Hing St. RCP	Yan Hing Street	165	17
	Kwong Fuk Square RCP	Kwong Fuk Square	100	15

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area (square metres)</b>	<b>Estimated daily amount of refuse handled (tonnes)</b>
<b>Tsuen Wan</b>	Luen Yan Street RCP	No. 10, Luen Yan Street	183	19
	Tsuen Wan Market Street RCP	Tsuen Wan Market Street (Opposite No. 150)	170	20
	Heung Che Street RCP	Heung Che Street (at side of Heung Che Street Market)	168	19
<b>Yuen Long</b>	Yan Lok Square RCP	At side of Chung Sing Path Playground, Yan Lok Square	170	15
	Tai Tong Road RCP	Junction of Tai Tong Road and Hop Yick Road	170	14
	Tai Kiu RCP	At side of Tai Kiu Market, Kiu Lok Square	170	10
	Kam Cheung Square RCP	Junction of Kam Cheung Square and Sai Yu Street	170	14
	Tung Tai Street RCP	Junction of Tung Tai Street & On Lok Road	125	11
	Fung Kwan Street RCP	Fung Kwan Street near Car Park (Open space)	120	12
	Ping Shun Street RCP	At side of Sewage Treatment Works, Ping Shun Street	120	11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)187**

**(Question Serial No. 1971 )**

Head: (31) Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Trade Controls

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise (Roy TANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

There was a decrease in the amount of administrative penalties imposed by the Customs and Excise Department in relation to import and export declarations in 2015 as compared to 2014. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. The number of cases in which a fine was imposed for contravention of the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 (commonly known as the “export control on powdered formula”) broken down by month in 2015 as well as the total amount of fines involved;
- b. Regarding the cases in which a fine was imposed, how many of them ended up in default of fine payment in 2015? What was the total amount of fines in default?
- c. Regarding the cases of fines in default, which types of document of identity (e.g. Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, multiple-entry endorsements, etc.) did the defendants hold?
- d. Normally, how does the Government handle cases of default of fine payment? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (Member Question No. 4 )

Reply:

a) In 2015, there were 3 973 cases in which a fine was imposed by the Court for contravening the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 and the total amount of fines involved was \$16.41 million. Details are as follows:

Month Imposed	Number of Cases	Amount of Fines
January	360	\$1,768,900

February	284	\$1,337,600
March	309	\$1,398,100
April	279	\$1,254,100
May	327	\$1,393,000
June	389	\$1,662,300
July	465	\$1,809,000
August	372	\$1,509,700
September	312	\$1,199,100
October	216	\$816,000
November	313	\$1,074,600
December	347	\$1,190,100
Whole Year	3 973	\$16,412,500

b) & c) The Judiciary does not have the relevant breakdown figures.

d) A magistrate may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest to any person who fails to pay a fine. However, it is difficult to separately quantify the expenditure for handling such cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)188**

**(Question Serial No. 2757)**

Head: (48) Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Statutory Testing

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr SIN Wai-mei)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

How many resources will be allocated by the Government to:

1. strengthen the analytical and advisory support to the Department of Health for the formulation and development of Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards for Chinese herbal medicines commonly used in Hong Kong; and
2. provide metrology-in-chemistry support for the development of testing and certification industry in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

1. In order to strengthen the analytical and advisory support to the Department of Health on the development of the Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards (HKCMMS) for Chinese herbal medicines commonly used in Hong Kong, a special workforce involving 12 civil service posts including professional, technical and supporting staff was established in 2015-16. The support mainly includes developing and maintaining protocols for safety tests contained in the HKCMMS as well as verifying analytical methods developed by the participating research institutes for the testing of Chinese Materia Medica. The estimated operational expenditure for 2016-17 is \$7.7 million.

2. From 2014-15 onwards, seven new civil service posts have been established to provide support to the testing and certification industry. The support includes, for example, organising proficiency testing programmes to enhance technical competence of local testing laboratories. The estimated operational expenditure for 2016-17 is \$5.4 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)189**

**(Question Serial No. 4415)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1) Please set out in table form the duty visits made by the politically appointed officials of the Bureau since the current-term Government took office, including the destination, purpose and programme of each visit, a list of the politically appointed officials in the entourage, the number of civil servants in the entourage and the total expenditure.

2) Please set out in table form the dates of vacation leave taken by the politically appointed officials of the Bureau since the current-term Government took office, and whether they were outside Hong Kong during their leave.

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 78)

Reply:

Details of the duty visits made by the politically appointed officials in the Food and Health Bureau since the current-term Government took office are as follows -

Year	Place of visits <sup>1</sup>	Purpose of visits	Number of visits	Total expenditure <sup>2</sup> (\$'000)
2012-13	The Mainland, Macau, Taiwan,	To attend meetings and conferences, for the purpose of promoting cooperation, and keeping abreast of the latest developments including the exchange of views with	10	88
2013-14	Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines,		12	221
2014-15	Singapore, Vietnam, Switzerland,		14	285

2015-16 <sup>3</sup>	Germany, United Kingdom and the United States of America.	Mainland and overseas counterparts on subjects under the purview of the Food and Health Bureau.	13	247
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<sup>1</sup> The above duty visits lasted for 1 to 6 days per trip, with an entourage size of 1 to 9 officers at different ranks from the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch).

<sup>2</sup> Including expenditure on air passage, hotel accommodation and transportation, subsistence allowance and other related expenses incurred by the politically appointed officials.

<sup>3</sup> Based on information as at 29 February 2016.

The Secretary for Food and Health, the Under Secretary for Food and Health and the Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health are entitled to paid vacation leave of 22 working days per year of service or such proportion of it on a pro rata basis. Since assuming the positions in 2012, they have all taken their vacation leave within their entitlement.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)190**

**(Question Serial No. 5453)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What is the estimate for salaries and allowances payable to the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant of the Food and Health Bureau in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 212)

Reply:

For budgetary purposes, the provisions reserved in 2016-17 for salaries for the Secretary for Food and Health, the Under Secretary for Food and Health and the Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively. No provision for allowances has been reserved in 2016-17 for the above officials.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)191**

**(Question Serial No. 5515)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government will implement the new agriculture policy in order to promote local agriculture, and the Administration is planning to resume private land for establishing an Agricultural Park with an area of about 75 to 80 hectares. In this connection, how much provision has been set aside this year for the resumption of private land? Have any support and promotional efforts been made for assisting the hydroponic farming industry to be carried out in industrial buildings?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 282)

Reply:

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. Measures underpinning the NAP include establishing an Agricultural Park (Agri-Park) to help nurture agro-technology and agro-business management; commissioning a consultancy study to explore ways to incentivise the use of agricultural land that may otherwise lie fallow for long-term agricultural purposes; establishing a Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF) to provide financial support for the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture; as well as measures to facilitate development of hydroponics and agro-technology and leisure farming ancillary to agricultural production, and to enhance food safety and the marketing of local fresh produce. An overview of the NAP and the implementation plan is set out in a paper submitted to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 2 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)767/15-16(03)).

For the establishment of the Agri-Park, the Government has preliminarily identified a cluster of about 75 - 80 ha of farmland in Kwu Tung South suitable for the purpose. We have commissioned an engineering feasibility study, expected to be completed within 2016, to identify the initial boundary of the Agri-Park and draw up a detailed

implementation plan. Depending on the findings of the said study, it is envisaged that its footprint may include a small amount of Government land, but much of the land required will have to be acquired through resumption. We could only assess the cost of land resumption then. As such, no provision has been set aside for this purpose yet.

The Government encourages the adoption of modern farming practices as well as the development of new agricultural technology and related knowledge transfer. Hydroponic technology is one such example. From the agriculture policy perspective and having regard to the scarcity of land resources in Hong Kong, we see room for further development of hydroponics and other agro-technology in Hong Kong to promote migration to production methods that are less land-dependent (and hence also less vulnerable to weather changes) than the traditional land-intensive agricultural practices. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department will provide technical advice and support to investors who are interested in setting up hydroponics systems as an alternative option for agricultural production. In addition, the Vegetable Marketing Organization has established the Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre since 2013 for introducing and demonstrating the technology and equipment for hydroponic production. To encourage wider adoption of this agricultural technology in Hong Kong, we have proposed that research projects related to hydroponics (e.g. studies that help identify the best cultivation conditions and energy efficient facilities) may be funded under the SADP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)192****(Question Serial No. 5517)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated in Programme (3) that the Government will continue to promote the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance in the coming year. What are the details? Regarding cases concerning the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance, what were the respective numbers of cases handled by the Government in the past 3 years? Has the Government set any indicator for the above promotion work? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 284)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue with its efforts in promoting green burial. Plans are in hand to sustain publicity and public education through different channels, including Announcement in the Public Interest on television and radio, promotional videos, posters and banners, a mobile app, collaboration with non-governmental organisations and promotional activities at Senior Exhibition, etc.

The number of cases handled by the Government where cremated human ashes were scattered at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance in the past three years is as follows –

Year \ Number of cases	Scattering of ashes		
	At sea	In Gardens of Remembrance	Total
2013	797	2 354	3 151
2014	856	2 697	3 553

2015	877	3 196	4 073
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While the total number of cases where ashes are scattered at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance has increased by 29% from 2013 to 2015, it takes time for the community at large to accept green burial as a sustainable form of handling cremated human ashes. We will continue to improve the green burial facilities and services while stepping up our promotion efforts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)193**

**(Question Serial No. 5276 )**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) How many additional civil service Information Technology (IT) posts were applied by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) from the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) over the past 3 years? How many of these posts applied were approved by the CSB (please list by department, year and post title)?
- (2) What were the justifications of the CSB if application requests of such IT posts were revised or rejected?

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

- (1) In the past 3 years, there has not been any increase in the number of civil service posts for information technology (IT) staff in the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch).
- (2) The Government's guiding principles for considering the creation of additional civil service posts are as follows: when the operational need is fully justified; and the work involved cannot be handled by streamlining the procedures, re-organisation, re-deployment of existing staff or any other means. The above principles are applicable across all the civil service grades, including the IT grades. Manpower in the IT grades will be increased as and when it is fully justified on the grounds of maintaining effective operation and addressing the manpower needs arising from new and improved services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)194****(Question Serial No. 5297)**

**Head:** (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified

**Programme:** (-) Not Specified

**Controlling Officer:** Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Food and Health

**Question:**

In respect of the public relations expenditure of government departments, please inform this Committee of the following:

(1) the total expenditure of the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) for publishing advertisements, sponsored content or advertorials in newspapers registered under the Registration of Local Newspapers Ordinance in the past year as well as the relevant details:

Date of publish (Day/Month/Year)	Status (one-off/ ongoing/done) (as at 29 February 2016)	Government or public organisation (including policy bureau/ department/ public organisation/ government advisory body)	Name and purpose of advertisement	Name of media organisation and newspaper	Frequency (as at 29 February 2016)	Expenditure (as at 29 February 2016)

(2) the expenditure of the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) for sponsoring local free-to-air television stations, paid television stations and radio stations to provide information and produce programmes or materials in the past year as well as the relevant details:

Date of broadcast (Day/Month/Year)	Status (one-off/ ongoing/ done) (as at 29 February 2016)	Government or public organisation (including policy bureau/ department/ public organisation/ government advisory body)	Name and purpose of advertisement	Media organisation	Frequency (as at 29 February 2016)	Expenditure (as at 29 February 2016)

(3) the media organisations which published or broadcast advertisements/sponsored content of the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) in the past 3 years, as well as the frequency and the total expenditure involved (in descending order of amount spent):

Name of media organisation	Frequency	Total expenditure (\$)

(4) the websites/network platforms on which the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) published online advertisements/sponsored content in the past 3 years, as well as the frequency, the duration (days) and the total expenditure involved (tabulated in descending order of amount spent):

Website/ network platform	Content of advertisement	Frequency	Duration (days)	Hit rate, frequency of exposure and number of viewers	Total expenditure (\$)

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

The Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) has not incurred expenditure on those public relations activities specified in (1), (2), (3) and (4).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)195****(Question Serial No. 5318)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

(1) Please tabulate the details concerning the social media platforms set up and run by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and subvented organisations under its commission (including outsourced contractors or consultants) in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016).

Commence- ment date (month/ year)	Status (updating in progress/ ceased updating)	Bureau/ agencies under its commission	Name	Social media platforms	Purpose of establishment and contents	No. of "likes"/ subscribers / average monthly visits	Regular compilation of summary of comments and follow-up (yes/no)	Average no. of posts per day and average no. of interactions per post (total no. of "likes", comments and shares)	Ranks and no. of officers responsible for running the platforms	Expenditure for setting up the platforms and daily operational expenses

(2) Please provide the number of deleted messages and blocked accounts on the above social media platforms.

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 92)

Reply:

The Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) has not set up or run any social media platforms in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)196****(Question Serial No. 5737)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

(1) Please provide, in table form, the number of requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and its subvented organisations in 2015-16 as well as the relevant details:

Bureau/ Department/ Organisation	Number of requests received	Information involved (items)	Number of requests being handled	Number of requests in which all information was provided	Number of requests in which some information was provided	Average number of days taken to handle the requests (working days)

(2) the 3 pieces of information most frequently requested by the public and the number of such requests;

(3) the 5 requests for information which took the longest time to handle, the number of days taken to handle such requests and the reasons; and

(4) the content of the requests refused, the reasons for the refusal and the number of requests for reviews lodged by the public.

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 172)

Reply:

During the period from January to September 2015, the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) received 4 requests for information under the Code on Access to Information (the Code). Among these requests, 1 was met in full while the remaining 3 requested for information which was not in the possession of this Bureau. Action on all the requests was completed within 21 days from the receipt of requests in accordance with the Code.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)197****(Question Serial No. 6854)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information about the studies in the following format.

- a. Please provide details of the public policy studies and strategic public policy studies commissioned with funds allocated from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- b. Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, are there any such projects for which funds have been reserved in 2016-17? If yes, what are the details?

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1081)

Reply:

The information requested is provided at the Annex.

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## (a) Studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated from 2011-12 to 2015-16

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Consumer Search	By invitation of quotations	<p>Survey for Assessment on Impact of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme on new-to-market Prepackaged Food Products in the Food Expo 2011</p> <p>The objective of the Survey is to assess the impact brought by the Nutrition Labelling Scheme on new-to-market prepackaged food products introduced via the Food Expo.</p>	0.148	Aug. 2011	Completed in May 2012	Results of the survey were reported to LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 8 May 2012.	The Executive Summary was uploaded to the Centre for Food Safety website in May 2012.
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	<p>Service for studying the population size and distribution of feral cattle and water buffalo for long term strategic planning</p> <p>The study includes population estimation and basic ecology surveys of feral cattle and buffalo in Hong Kong in order to provide the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department with a better mapping of their population density and understanding of their habitat and ecology for more effective management of cattle and buffalo.</p>	0.660	Sept. 2011	Completed in November 2012	Studying the population size and distribution of feral cattle and water buffalo for long term strategic planning	Report summary was sent to interested non-governmental organisations. Population data on cattle/ buffalo would be released upon request (e.g. media enquiry).

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Consumer Search	By invitation of quotations	Post-campaign Survey on Public Knowledge, Attitude and Practice regarding Nutrition Labelling  The objective of the Survey is to gauge opinion and assess the knowledge, attitude and practice of the general public regarding nutrition labelling.	0.678	Feb. 2012	Completed in October 2013	The Administration has made reference to the consultant's recommendation in formulating public educational activities.	The summary of survey has been posted to the website of Centre for Food Safety.
ICF Consulting Services Hong Kong Limited (formerly called GHK (Hong Kong) Limited)	By invitation of quotations	Study on the roles and functions of wholesale markets in Hong Kong as well as the location of five wholesale markets from the perspective of land use and food safety	1.288	Feb. 2012	Completed in December 2014 (the payment was settled in Mar 2015)	The Government is studying the recommendations.	The Administration plans to brief the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of Legislative Council on the outcome of the study when appropriate.
Deloitte	By invitation of quotations	Business Impact Assessment on "Proposed New Measures for Compliance with Fire Safety Requirements by Licensed Food Premises"	0.890 (Fire Services Department shares half of the cost, i.e. \$0.445 million)	Aug. 2012	Completed in December 2013	Taking into account the outcome of the study, the relevant new measures have been implemented since 30 June 2014.	Three briefing sessions for licensees and two consultation forums for trade associations were held in 2012. The Food Business and Related Services Task Force was briefed on the progress of implementing the new measures on 20 June 2013. The outcome of the study was reported to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of Legislative Council on 9 July 2013 and 10 December 2013. Three briefing sessions were

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
							conducted in April 2014 for the business stakeholders concerned to facilitate their understanding of the new measures and the implementation arrangements. Information paper on the guidelines for the implementation of the new measures was presented to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 June 2014. The Business Facilitation Advisory Committee was further briefed on the implementation arrangement on 23 July 2014.
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Service for studying cattle movement corridors and range, which provides information for fine-tuning the relocation attempts, and explores feasibility of measures (such as cattle grids or fencing) to restrict cattle movement	0.330	Nov. 2012	Completed in March 2014	Findings of the survey had been taken into account for long term strategic planning and fine-tuning the implementation of cattle desexing and relocation operations	The study mainly contains technical information for internal use and planning.  Relevant findings would be released to interested parties as appropriate.
PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services Limited	By invitation of quotations	Business Impact Assessment (BIA) on the licensing scheme for private columbaria	1.430	Jan. 2013	Completed in November 2013	Taking into account the observations and recommendations in the report, the Private Columbaria Bill was introduced into LegCo in June 2014.	The findings of the BIA Study were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 19 November 2013.  The initial

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
							<p>recommendations of the BIA Study were reported to the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee on 28 November 2013.</p> <p>The Executive Summary of the report was uploaded to FHB's website in July 2014, and provided to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in August 2014.</p> <p>The Private Columbaria Bill was announced on 18 June 2014 and introduced into LegCo on 25 June 2014.</p>
Policy 21 Limited	By invitation of quotations	<p>Market Survey on the Supply and Price of Live Cattle and Fresh Beef in the Mainland and Hong Kong.</p> <p>The market survey collected information on the prices, quality and costs of fresh beef in Hong Kong and the nearby Mainland cities, thereby providing empirical data for informed comparisons as well as an objective basis for the Government to analyse issues related to the</p>	0.250	Feb. 2013	Completed in April 2013	Results of the market survey were reported to LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 28 May 2013.	The main findings of the market survey were set out in the paper submitted to LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 28 May 2013.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		market and consider the way forward.					
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Service of conducting survey to provide cumulative data on cattle population and distribution to facilitate more effective management of cattle and buffalo	0.380	April 2013	Completed in October 2013	The Government is studying the population size and distribution of feral cattle and water buffalo for long term strategic planning	Findings have been sent to interested parties and they will be made available upon request.
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of quotations	Consultancy Study on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula for Local Infants and Young Children Aged under 36 Months The Study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of the improvement measures on the powdered formula supply chain proposed by the trade in a non-regulated environment, and to provide advice on how the improvement measures could be enhanced or refined.	0.816	June 2013	Completed in December 2013	Having considered the results of the stress test (see item below) on the powdered formula supply chain, the Consultant's assessment and the views of the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula, the Government considers it premature to repeal the legal provisions regulating the export of powdered formula at this stage. The Government has urged the trade to actively follow up on the recommendations on improving the supply chain proposed by the Consultant.	The outcome of the Study was reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 December 2013.
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of quotations	Provision of Stress Test Service on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula	1.560 (including \$1.159 million and \$0.401 million under the respective	Aug. and Sept. 2013	Completed in December 2013	ditto	The findings were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 December 2013.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		for Local Infants and Young Children Aged under 36 months The key objective of the service is to assist the Government in planning and conducting the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain during the National Day Golden Week in 2013 as well as the days immediately before and after it.	contracts awarded in August and September 2013)				
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of quotations	Provision of Service for Conducting Warehouse Inventory Monitoring in the Stress Test on Powdered Formula Supply Chain Improvements The key objective of the service is to conduct qualitative assessment of warehouse inventory management during the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain.	0.515	Sept. 2013	Completed in December 2013	ditto	ditto
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of quotations	Service for Conducting Surveys of the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a grasp of the supply and price	0.245	Dec. 2013	Completed in February 2014	The results were submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain	The results of the first and second surveys were published through a press release on 23 January 2014.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level in the run up to the 2014 Lunar New Year.					
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of proposals	Study on ways to improve the operating environment of public markets	1.997	Dec. 2013	Completed in January 2015	The consultant selected six representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets in phases. Specifically, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works	The outcome of the study was reported to the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 20 January 2015.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
						at these two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-2017.	
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for Conducting Surveys on the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a continuous grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level.	2.269	April 2014	Completed in October 2015	The results of surveys have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain.	The results of the surveys were published through press releases and / or were reported to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 June 2014, 9 December 2014 and 12 January 2016.
Consumer Search Hong Kong Limited	By invitation of quotations	Service for conducting periodic surveys to gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels in purchasing powdered formula	0.560	May 2014	Completed in November 2015	The results have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain.	The results of the surveys were reported to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 9 December 2014 and 12 January 2016.
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the effectiveness of the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) trial scheme for stray dogs in reducing stray dog population within designated trial zones and the nuisance associated with stray dogs. The project includes an initial population estimation and basic	0.920	Nov. 2014	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.



Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		ecology surveys of stray dogs in selected TNR trial zones, as well as data analysis and periodic reports on the change of number, distribution and ecology of stray dogs in the trial zones for a period of three years.					
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the ecology, reproductive rates and population change of stray dogs in two different geographical areas (semi-closed area and open area) for comparison with the data collected for the TNR trial scheme for stray dogs.	0.600	April 2015	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of proposals	Study on the Way Forward of Live Poultry Trade in Hong Kong	3.412	June 2015	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.

(b) Projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy study in 2016-17

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
To be selected	By invitation of quotations	Survey of Ichthyoplankton, Zooplankton and Juvenile Fish and Crustacean in the Potential Fisheries Protection Areas	To be confirmed	April 2016	Under planning	The study is yet to commence.	The study is yet to commence.
Tiptop Consultants Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for Conducting Surveys on the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a continuous grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level.	\$0.463 (Including \$0.356 million for basic service and \$0.107 million for optional service)	Feb 2016	In Progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.
Hong Kong Sustainable Development Research Institute Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for conducting periodic surveys to gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels in purchasing powdered formula.	\$0.429 (Including \$0.33 million for basic service and 0.099 million for optional service)	Feb 2016	In Progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.
To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	By invitation of proposals	Developing guidelines on good practice in "re-used oils" for reference by the catering industry.	\$3 million (to be confirmed)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)

To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	By invitation of proposals	Second Food Consumption Survey The objective of the survey is to obtain up-to-date food consumption information (e.g. the types and amounts of food consumed) among individuals in Hong Kong.	To be confirmed	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)198****(Question Serial No. 4197)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Please provide in the following table details about the expenditures on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Bureau/branch/ department and year	Estimated expenditures on entertainment and gifts in the year	Actual expenditures respectively on entertainment and gifts in the year	Cap on entertainment expenses (including beverages) per head in the year	Cap on gift expenses per guest in the year	Number of receptions held and total number of guests received in the year

2. Please provide in the following table details about the expenditures on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in 2015-16.

Bureau/branch /department	Date of reception (day/month /year)	Departments/ organisations from which the guests came (grouped by department/ organisation and indicating the number of guests) and their post titles	Expenditure on food incurred in the reception	Expenditure on beverages incurred in the reception	Expenditure on gifts incurred in the reception	Venue of the event (office of the department/ restaurant in government facilities/ private restaurant/ others (please specify))

3. Please provide in the following table the estimated expenditures on entertainment and gifts in 2016-17.

Bureau/branch/department	Estimated provision for entertainment and gifts	Cap on entertainment expenses per guest	Cap on gifts expenses per guest

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. Government officers are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy when entertaining guest(s) for official purposes in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance. According to the existing general guidelines, the expenditure limits on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips. Information on the actual expenditure on official entertainment incurred by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and departments under its purview in 2014-15 and 2015-16, and the provision earmarked for 2016-17 is listed in the table below:

Financial Year	Expenditure on official entertainment (\$'000)			
	Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Government Laboratory
2014-15	167	359	33	0
2015-16 (as at 29.2.2016)	111	271	36	0
2016-17 (Estimate)	130	175	49	20

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to the minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we do not have the relevant statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)199****(Question Serial No. 4198)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health(Food)(Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the studies, if any, conducted by your bureau and the departments under your purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information about the studies in the following format.

- (a) Please provide information on the funded public policy studies and strategic public policy studies over the past 2 financial years (2014-15 and 2015-16) in the following table:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (b) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct internal studies this year (2016-17)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Title, content and objective of the project	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (c) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct consultancy studies this year (2016-17)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
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- (d) What are the criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned?

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

- (a) Information on studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated in the past 2 financial years is at Annex A.
- (b) Information on projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct internal studies in 2016-17 is at Annex B.
- (c) A list of consultancy studies under planning is at Annex C
- (d) Consultancy proposals are evaluated in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Stores and Procurement Regulations. Consulting firms are requested to submit a technical proposal and a fee proposal separately for our assessment. In general, technical proposals submitted by potential consultants will be assessed according to the firm's experience in conducting consultancy studies and expertise in the subject area, the firm's understanding of the study requirements, the study approach and methodology, related knowledge and experience, as well as the composition of the proposed consultancy team. The combined score of the technical and fee proposals will form the basis of awarding the consultancy project to the selected consultant.

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**Studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated in 2014-15 and 2015-16**

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for Conducting Surveys on the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a continuous grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level.	2.269	April 2014	Completed in October 2015	The results of surveys have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain.	The results of the surveys were published through press releases and / or were reported to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 June 2014, 9 December 2014 and 12 January 2016.
Consumer Search Hong Kong Limited	By invitation of quotations	Service for conducting periodic surveys to gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels in purchasing powdered formula	0.560	May 2014	Completed in November 2015	The results have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain.	The results of the surveys were reported to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 9 December 2014 and 12 January 2016.
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the effectiveness of the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) trial scheme for stray dogs in reducing stray dog population within designated trial zones and the nuisance associated with stray dogs. The project includes an initial population estimation and basic ecology surveys of stray dogs in selected TNR trial zones, as well as	0.920	Nov. 2014	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.



Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		data analysis and periodic reports on the change of number, distribution and ecology of stray dogs in the trial zones for a period of three years.					
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the ecology, reproductive rates and population change of stray dogs in two different geographical areas (semi-closed area and open area) for comparison with the data collected for the TNR trial scheme for stray dogs.	0.600	April 2015	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of proposals	Study on the Way Forward of Live Poultry Trade in Hong Kong	3.412	June 2015	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.

**Projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct internal studies in 2016-17**

Title, content and objective of the project	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Nil				

**Projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy study in  
2016-17**

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Tiptop Consultants Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for Conducting Surveys on the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a continuous grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level.	\$0.463 (Including \$0.356 million for basic service and \$0.107 million for optional service)	Feb 2016	In Progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.
Hong Kong Sustainable Development Research Institute Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for conducting periodic surveys to gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels in purchasing powdered formula.	\$0.429 (Including \$0.33 million for basic service and 0.099 million for optional service)	Feb 2016	In Progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.
To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	By invitation of proposals	Developing guidelines on good practice in "re-used oils" for reference by the catering industry.	\$3 million (to be confirmed)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)

To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	By invitation of proposals	Second Food Consumption Survey The objective of the survey is to obtain up-to-date food consumption information (e.g. the types and amounts of food consumed) among individuals in Hong Kong.	To be confirmed	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)	To be confirmed (The studies are under planning)
To be selected	By invitation of quotations	Survey of Ichthyoplankton, Zooplankton and Juvenile Fish and Crustacean in the Potential Fisheries Protection Areas	To be confirmed	April 2016	Under planning	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)200****(Question Serial No. 4199)**

**Head:** (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified

**Programme:** (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

**Controlling Officer:** Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Food and Health

**Question:**

Please provide the details of duty visits made by the Secretary and the Under Secretary in the past year. In respect of each visit, please list by date the (a) purpose and destination, (b) post titles of the local officials met, (c) number and post titles of the Hong Kong officials in the entourage, (d) duration, (e) total expenditures involved and the respective expenses on (i) transportation (list out both the expenses on air tickets and local transportation), (ii) accommodation, (iii) meals, (iv) receptions or entertainment and (v) gifts.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

**Asked by:** Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 38)

**Reply:**

Details of the duty visits made by the Secretary for Food and Health and the Under Secretary for Food and Health in 2015-16 are as follows -

No. of visits	Purpose and Place of visit <sup>1</sup>	Air tickets expenses (\$'000)	Hotel expenses <sup>2</sup> (\$'000)	Subsistence allowance and other expenses (\$'000)	Total expenditure <sup>3</sup> (\$'000)
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c)
12	To attend international conferences, meetings and official visits in the Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen), Macau, the Philippines, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States of America.	203	12	32	247

- <sup>1</sup> The above duty visits lasted for 1 to 5 days per trip, with an entourage size of 1 to 4 officers at different ranks from the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch).
- <sup>2</sup> Excluding the expenses on hotel accommodation where the Secretary / Under Secretary received the normal rate of subsistence allowance, the amount of which has been included under the column of “Subsistence allowance and other expenses”.
- <sup>3</sup> Including only the expenditure incurred by the Secretary and the Under Secretary.

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy in the provision of official meals in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance, and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines.

In line with the Government’s green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is unavoidable due to operational or protocol reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish and the number should be kept to the minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. We do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)201**

**(Question Serial No. 4200 )**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  
Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give details of the meetings, visits or exchanges by the Bureau to the relevant Mainland authorities for the past 1 year by setting out the following information of each trip in chronological order:

- (a) purpose and place;
- (b) titles of Mainland officials met;
- (c) number and post titles of Hong Kong officials in entourage;
- (d) length of the trip in days;
- (e) total expenses involved;
- (f) whether any announcement was made prior to the trip; if not, what were the reasons for confidentiality;
- (g) whether minutes of meetings were kept on file; if not, what were the reasons for that; and
- (h) whether any agreement was reached; if yes, what were the details and what was the implementation progress of the agreement;
  - (i) transportation (list out air passage and local transportation at the destination);
  - (ii) accommodation expenses;

- (iii) meal expenses;
- (iv) banquet or entertainment expenses; and
- (v) gift expenses .

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 39 )

Reply:

Details of meetings, visits or exchanges held between the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and the relevant Mainland authorities in 2015-16 and the expenditure involved are as follows -

No. of visits	Purpose and Place of visit <sup>1</sup>	Number of officers in the entourage	Air tickets expenses (\$'000) (a)	Hotel expenses <sup>2</sup> (\$'000) (b)	Subsistence allowance and other expenses (\$'000) (c)	Total expenditure (\$'000) (a)+(b)+(c)
21	To attend conferences, meetings and official visits in Beijing, Conghua, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai.	1 to 4	100	0	90	190

<sup>1</sup> The above duty visits lasted for 1 to 3 days per trip, joined by officers of different ranks and led by a senior officer or directorate officer.

<sup>2</sup> Where the officers received the normal rate of subsistence allowance, the expenses on hotel accommodation would be covered by subsistence allowance and hence included under the column of "Subsistence allowance and other expenses".

We conduct exchanges and discussions with the relevant Mainland authorities on issues of mutual concern from time to time as and when necessary. Generally speaking, the meetings are recorded as appropriate, having regard to the different circumstances and factors such as nature of the meeting and subject matter, consensus reached by both sides, development of the subject matter, etc. We will decide whether and how the trips and the agreements concluded should be made public in the light of the circumstances and needs.

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles in the provision of official meals. They are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines. According to the existing guidelines, the expenditure limits on entertainment in the form of official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all



expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to the minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. As we do not specifically maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, relevant breakdowns are not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)202****(Question Serial No. 4201)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In regard to the growing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which your bureau and the departments under your purview have been involved.

(a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes, please provide information for 2014-15 and 2015-16 as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13 <sup>th</sup> Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether it has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Are there minutes of the meetings? If yes, are the minutes made public?	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Has public consultation on the cross-boundary project been conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/programme

- (b) Has provision been earmarked for Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in this year (2016-17)? If yes, please provide information in respect of Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes for 2016-17 as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13 <sup>th</sup> Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/ organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether it has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Are there minutes of the meetings? If yes, are the minutes made public?	Progress (%) completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Has public consultation on the cross-boundary project been conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme

- (c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, are there any other modes of Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary cooperation? If so, in what modes are they taken forward? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in the past year? How much financial and manpower resources have been earmarked in the 2016-17 Estimates?

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The former Chief Executive and the Governor of Guangdong Province signed the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Cooperation (the Framework Agreement) on 7 April 2010. The Framework Agreement covers a number of areas and defines the positioning of Hong Kong/Guangdong cooperation in several policy areas, including cooperation areas in food safety, enhancing inspection, quarantine and supervision at source, cross-boundary infrastructure facilities and custom supervision as well as ecology construction and environmental protection under the purview of Food and Health Bureau (FHB). The initiatives involved are –

(i) Food safety

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) works in collaboration with the Guangdong, Shenzhen and Zhuhai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureaux (CIQs) on inspection and quarantine of food and agricultural products. A liaison officer system with the Mainland authorities on inspection and quarantine has been established to enhance communication about food and agricultural products safety so that timely notification of related problems could be provided to the other side. Briefing sessions on the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (the Regulation) (Cap. 132CM) were also conducted in Shenzhen in February and May 2014 and Beijing in July 2014 to assist Mainland authorities and traders in understanding and complying with the requirements of the Regulation.

(ii) Enhancing inspection, quarantine and supervision at source

FEHD has been maintaining close liaison with the relevant Mainland authorities in monitoring the standard of registered importing farms in the Mainland. FEHD has been conducting inspections of registered Mainland food production farms and processing plants as well as registered farms supplying cultured marine fish, shellfish and other aquatic products to Hong Kong to ensure safety of food and agricultural products as well as cultured marine fish, shellfish and other aquatic products respectively.

(iii) Cross-boundary infrastructure facilities and custom supervision

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been cooperating with the relevant Mainland authorities on the inspection and quarantine for the import and export of Hong Kong competition horses between Hong Kong and the Conghua Horse Training Centre (the Horse Training Centre) in Guangzhou, as well as the development and maintenance of an Equine Disease Free Zone (EDFZ) in Guangzhou and the biosecurity passage, and the monitoring of the health status of the horses at the EDFZ. The process involves formulating quarantine, and import and export requirements, as well as providing professional advice in preparing the operational guidelines, health protocol and biosecurity requirements for equine transportation. With the support of the relevant Mainland authorities, a trial run for equine transportation between Hong Kong and Guangzhou was successfully held on 29 February and 1 March 2016, providing valuable experience for the relevant parties to further fine-tune the operational procedures on inspection, testing and quarantine arrangements for the future regular cross-boundary equine movement and operation of the Horse Training Centre.

(iv) Ecology construction and environmental protection

AFCD has been carrying out joint operation with the Marine Police and the Mainland fisheries authority to combat illegal fishing activities in Hong Kong and Mainland waters. AFCD has also been organising training courses for fishermen in collaboration with the Guangdong side to assist them to switch to sustainable

operations. To facilitate technical communication between AFCD and Guangdong officials in relation to harmful algae monitoring, AFCD has prepared a List of Harmful Microalgae Species for harmful algae monitoring. Besides, a fisheries resources assessment study is underway to assess the fisheries resources situation in Hong Kong waters. We will inform the fisheries industry and relevant stakeholders when the result of the study is available.

The expenditure incurred in pursuing the above cooperation initiatives is absorbed from within the existing resources and manpower. We do not have a breakdown of the financial expenditure and manpower involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)203**

**(Question Serial No. 4141)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In respect of redeveloping the Food Safety Laboratory of the Government Laboratory, please advise on the progress and details of the work concerned, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

The Government Laboratory (GL) is currently in shortage of laboratory area. We need to review the overall food safety testing facilities of GL to strengthen its testing capacity, enhance its preparedness for implementing new food safety legislation as well as improving its operation efficiency. We are studying the planning parameters and technical feasibility of increasing the laboratory area of the GL including conducting related transport and environmental impact assessments. We shall work out further details, such as implementation timelines and budget estimates, upon completion of these technical assessments. The manpower and expenditure required by the Food and Health Bureau and GL for pursuing this exercise are absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)204**

**(Question Serial No. 4142)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the public consultation on regulation of the level of heavy metal in food, please advise on the progress and details of the work concerned, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

The Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap. 132V) (the Regulations) regulate the level of metallic contaminants in food. To better protect public health, facilitate effective regulation and promote harmonisation between local and international standards, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and Centre for Food Safety (CFS) have embarked on the preparatory work to review and update the Regulations. CFS has set up a working group under the Expert Committee on Food Safety to solicit views on the proposed legislative amendments. The current review aims to formulate proposals for amendments to the Regulations with reference to the standards of Codex Alimentarius Commission<sup>1</sup>, standards set by different national authorities as well as local food consumption pattern, where appropriate. CFS is now working out details of the proposed legislative amendments. Subject to the deliberations of the Expert Committee on Food Safety, we plan to conduct public consultation on the proposed amendments to the Regulations in 2016. The manpower and expenditure required for preparing the public consultation will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international body established in 1963 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation to develop food standards and guidelines for protecting the health of consumers and ensuring fair trade practices in the food trade.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)205**

**(Question Serial No. 4143)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the public consultation on regulation of cooked meat, what was the progress in 2015? What are the specific work plan and timetable for 2016, and the estimated manpower and resources required?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

The Government will commence the preparatory work for the regulation of cooked meat. In this connection, the Government will conduct a risk assessment on the safety of cooked meat, review current regulation in Hong Kong, while making reference to regulatory practices outside Hong Kong, before coming up with a regulatory proposal with a view to conducting public consultation. CFS has stepped up the inspection on cooked meat in 2015. The number of samples of meat products (including dried meat, meat sausage, Chinese sausage, red sausage, meatball, shredded meat, ham, bacon, BBQ pork, luncheon meat, etc.) taken for testing was 901 in 2015, as compared to 788 in 2014. CFS will further step up the inspection this year. The required manpower and expenditure will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)206**

**(Question Serial No. 4144)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the continuation of implementing a multi-pronged strategy to prevent avian influenza outbreak, what were the details of the relevant work in 2015? What are the specific work plan and timetable for 2016, and the estimated manpower and resources required?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 84)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Government will continue to implement a multi-pronged strategy to reduce the risk of avian influenza (AI) outbreaks in Hong Kong, taking into account the prevailing AI risk in Hong Kong and the South China region. The Food and Health Bureau is responsible for formulating and overseeing the overall strategy, whereas the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) are responsible for the implementation of the preventive and control measures.

The programme administered by AFCD includes (a) close surveillance of poultry in local farms and wholesale poultry market, pet birds, wild birds and the environment thereby enabling early detection of AI viruses and prevention of AI outbreaks; (b) conducting regular inspections of local farms to ensure compliance with the biosecurity, farm hygiene and other related requirements, including proper vaccination of chickens against AI, and taking enforcement actions against non-compliant cases; (c) carrying out enforcement operations to combat illegal keeping of backyard poultry; (d) keeping the local, regional and global AI situation under monitoring, thereby providing an informed basis for the Government to regularly review the AI risk in Hong Kong and ensure that the AI prevention and control measures remain effective and appropriate in present-day circumstances; and (e) organising various education and publicity activities related to AI such as education seminars on farm management and disease prevention for local farmers and their workers.

The estimated expenditure in 2016-17 for the monitoring, prevention and control of AI as well as related publicity work implemented by AFCD is \$51.6 million. A total of 46 staff in AFCD are involved in this area of work.

The AI surveillance and inspection work carried out by FEHD includes (a) conducting surveillance and inspection of imported live poultry at the Man Kam To Animal Inspection Station; and (b) inspecting registered farms that export poultry to Hong Kong (including those in the Mainland and other places); and (c) inspections of live poultry stalls at retail level. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for import inspection is \$8.4 million and that for inspection of poultry farms outside Hong Kong is \$6.8 million. A total of 48 staff in FEHD are involved in this area of work. The required manpower and expenditure for conducting inspections of live poultry stalls is absorbed within existing resources. There is no breakdown on the relevant manpower and expenditure involved.

The Government is conducting a consultancy study on the future development of the live poultry trade in Hong Kong, including whether the sale of live poultry should continue. The study is expected to complete in the second quarter of 2016 and we will consult the public on the recommendations of the consultant thereafter.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)207**

**(Question Serial No. 3894)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the reconstruction and relocation of the hawker stalls in 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas in the territory in order to expedite the work in reducing fire risks and the “Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas”, please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of cabinet-type stalls and Hawker Permitted Place stalls in each of the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas;
- (2) the latest situation of the fixed-pitch hawker areas: i.e. the number of stalls relocated and reconstructed, stalls reconstructed in-situ, hawker licences surrendered and stalls yet to be dealt with, with a breakdown by fixed-pitch hawker area; and
- (3) the number of applications for grants received under the five-year “Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas” and the amount of funding involved each year since the implementation of the Scheme, the number of applications for grants being processed and the amount of funding involved, and the amount of funding still available for application under the Scheme.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 393)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annexes 1-3. The amount of funding still available for application under the Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme) is \$73.8 million.

**Licensed Hawkers Operating in the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas before and after the Implementation of the Scheme**

District	Location of hawker areas	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees <sup>1</sup> (as at 29.2.2016)		
		Cabinet-type	HPP-type <sup>2</sup>	Total	Cabinet-type	HPP-type <sup>2</sup>	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	0	93	81	0	81
	Marble Street	124	0	124	90	0	90
	Kam Wa Street	20	91	111	25	72	97
	Tai Tak Street	26	2	28	17	1	18
	Mong Lung Street	4	17	21	3	10	13
	Sub-total	267	110	377	216	83	299
Central and Western	Pottinger Street	47	0	47	38	0	38
	Graham Street	35	20	55	28	17	45
	Gage Street	15	0	15	11	0	11
	Li Yuen Street East	63	0	63	58	0	58
	Li Yuen Street West	58	0	58	53	0	53
	Peel Street	36	7	43	28	3	31
	Wing Kut Street	32	2	34	30	2	32
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	13	12	0	12
	Man Wa Lane	32	0	32	31	0	31
	Sub-total	331	29	360	289	22	311
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	46	5	51	36	4	40
	Cross Street	60	11	71	58	10	68
	Tai Yuen Street	5	71	76	5	70	75
	Jardine's Crescent	162	0	162	151	0	151
	Sub-total	273	87	360	250	84	334
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	189	44	233	153	33	186
	Pak Hoi Street	7	9	16	7	6	13
	Saigon Street	19	0	19	17	0	17
	Canton Road	32	4	36	16	2	18
	Bowring Street	100	0	100	90	0	90
	Temple Street	34	289	323	34	268	302
	Sub-total	381	346	727	317	309	626

District	Location of hawker areas	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees <sup>1</sup> (as at 29.2.2016)		
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	0	698	698	0	632	632
	Canton Road	317	0	317	280	0	280
	Fife Street	29	0	29	26	0	26
	Yin Chong Street	78	0	78	66	0	66
	Ki Lung Street	20	0	20	10	0	10
	Poplar Street	12	0	12	7	0	7
	Fa Yuen Street	220	0	220	213	0	213
	Nelson Street	0	63	63	0	51	51
	Sub-total	676	761	1 437	602	683	1 285
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	5	66	71	5	42	47
	Fat Tseung Street	27	20	47	21	14	35
	Cheung Fat Street	54	11	65	37	9	46
	Fuk Wa Street	166	0	166	156	0	156
	Fuk Wing Street	0	40	40	0	39	39
	Pei Ho Street	124	30	154	119	29	148
	Apliu Street	179	42	221	168	42	210
	Ki Lung Street	39	96	135	36	91	127
	Tai Nan Street	2	61	63	1	60	61
	Kweilin Street	0	58	58	0	59	59
	Sub-total	596	424	1 020	543	385	928
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	0	54	49	0	49
	Sub-total	54	0	54	49	0	49
	Total	2 578	1 757	4 335	2 266	1 566	3 832

1 The number of hawkers has been updated taking into account changes outside the scope of the assistance scheme, including the death of licensees, licences surrendered but licensees are not eligible for ex-gratia payment (EGP), relocation of hawkers and succession of licence in the early stage of the assistance scheme.

2 Hawker Permitted Place-type.

**Applications for Grants in respect of Relocation cum Reconstruction, In-situ Reconstruction  
and Surrender of Hawker Licence for Ex-gratia Payment  
(as at 29.2.2016)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Location of hawker areas</b>	<b>Number of hawkers eligible<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant</b>	<b>Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant approved</b>	<b>Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant approved<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Number of application s for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence<sup>2</sup> (f)</b>	<b>Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence approved<sup>2</sup> (g)</b>	<b>Number of hawkers who have yet to apply  (h) = (a) - (b) - (d) - (f)</b>
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	92	6	3	66	3	17	11	3
	Marble Street	122	6	5	58	4	42	32	16
	Kam Wa Street	112	7	6	50	0	18	15	37
	Tai Tak Street	28	0	0	11	1	16	10	1
	Mong Lung Street	20	0	0	6	0	10	7	4
	Sub-total	374	19	14	191	8	103	75	61
Central and Western	Pottinger Street	44	1	0	36	4	7	6	0
	Graham Street	55	6	6	34	4	15	10	0
	Gage Street	15	0	0	11	6	4	4	0

District	Location of hawker areas	Number of hawkers eligible <sup>1</sup>	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant approved	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of hawkers who have yet to apply
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h) = (a) - (b) - (d) - (f)
	Li Yuen Street East	63	12	12	46	46	5	5	0
	Li Yuen Street West	58	20	20	33	33	5	5	0
	Peel Street	43	2	2	21	8	20	12	0
	Wing Kut Street	33	6	6	26	5	1	1	0
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	0	9	3	4	1	0
	Man Wa Lane	32	2	2	29	0	1	1	0
	Sub-total	356	49	48	245	109	62	45	0
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	52	2	0	38	3	12	12	0
	Cross Street	70	3	1	16	1	2	2	49
	Tai Yuen Street	75	4	3	55	4	0	0	16
	Jardine's Crescent	166	33	27	106	4	26	15	1
	Sub-total	363	42	31	215	12	40	29	66

District	Location of hawker areas	Number of hawkers eligible <sup>1</sup>	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant approved	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of hawkers who have yet to apply
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h) = (a) - (b) - (d) - (f)
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	233	27	16	115	79	47	47	44
	Pak Hoi Street	16	0	0	3	0	3	3	10
	Saigon Street	20	0	0	5	0	3	3	12
	Canton Road	37	1	1	2	2	19	19	15
	Bowring Street	99	9	7	71	8	9	9	10
	Temple Street	321	5	5	29	28	19	19	268
	Sub-total	726	42	29	225	117	100	100	359
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	698	0	0	0	0	68	66	630
	Canton Road	318	30	18	166	72	41	38	81
	Fife Street	34	2	2	5	3	8	7	19
	Yin Chong	78	9	9	50	49	12	12	7



District	Location of hawker areas	Number of hawkers eligible <sup>1</sup>	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant approved	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of hawkers who have yet to apply
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h) = (a) - (b) - (d) - (f)
	Street								
	Ki Lung Street	22	2	2	1	1	12	12	7
	Poplar Street	12	1	1	0	0	5	5	6
	Fa Yuen Street	214	30	30	183	183	1	1	0
	Nelson Street	63	0	0	0	0	12	12	51
	Sub-total	1 439	74	62	405	308	159	153	801
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	72	3	1	9	2	25	24	35
	Fat Tseung Street	47	5	5	11	7	12	12	19
	Cheung Fat Street	65	3	3	23	1	20	19	19
	Fuk Wa Street	166	33	29	121	77	10	10	2

District	Location of hawker areas	Number of hawkers eligible <sup>1</sup>	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant approved	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence <sup>2</sup>	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence approved <sup>2</sup>	Number of hawkers who have yet to apply
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h) = (a) - (b) - (d) - (f)
	Fuk Wing Street	40	8	5	31	13	1	1	0
	Pei Ho Street	153	14	5	117	44	6	5	16
	Apliu Street	220	51	49	154	148	10	10	5
	Ki Lung Street	134	20	9	96	56	7	7	11
	Tai Nan Street	62	10	8	42	31	1	1	9
	Kweilin Street	59	8	8	50	47	0	0	1
	Sub-total	1 018	155	122	654	426	92	89	117
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	53	7	7	17	11	4	4	25
	Sub-total	53	7	7	17	11	4	4	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4 329</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>1 952</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>1 429</b>

- 1 The number of hawkers has been updated taking into account changes outside the scope of the assistance scheme, including the death of licensees, licences surrendered but licensees are not eligible for ex-gratia payment (EGP), relocation of hawkers and succession of licence in the early stage of the assistance scheme.

- 2 The number of EGP and in-situ reconstruction applications does not include cases when the same hawker pitch has been occupied by different hawkers at different times and death of licensee after the approval of in-situ reconstruction grant.

### Applications for Grants Received and Amount of Funding Involved

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of applications received<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Amount of funding involved<sup>2</sup></b>
2013-14 (3.6.2013-31.3.2014)	492	\$43,569,000
2014-15 (1.4.2014-31.3.2015)	1 057	\$49,526,000
2015-16 (1.4.2015-29.2.2016)	1 358	\$63,110,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 907</b>	<b>\$156,205,000</b>

### Applications for Grants being Processed and Amount of Funding Involved (as at 29.2.2016)

<b>Number of applications being processed<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Amount of funding involved<sup>2</sup></b>
1 101	\$46,045,000

- 1 The number represents the total number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grants, in-situ reconstruction grants and ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licences.
- 2 For applications for reconstruction grants where applicants have not yet provided stall reconstruction quotations, the amount of funding involved is estimated to be the maximum grant for the respective category of pitch sizes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)208**

**(Question Serial No. 3900)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the “Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong : Our Home” campaign launched in 2015, what are the expenditures on actual clean-up efforts and publicity?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 406)

Reply:

For the “Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home” campaign held in August and September 2015, departments deployed existing resources to cope with the relevant cleansing and publicity work, which was an integral part of the work of relevant departments. There is no separate breakdown for the resources so deployed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)209**

**(Question Serial No. 3913)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the detailed work plan, timetable and estimated expenditure for implementing the new agriculture policy in the coming year? Are public engagement activities included? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditure? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 441)

Reply:

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. Measures underpinning the NAP include establishing an Agricultural Park (Agri-Park) to help nurture agro-technology and agro-business management; commissioning a consultancy study to explore ways to incentivise the use of agricultural land that may otherwise lie fallow for long-term agricultural purposes; establishing a Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF) to provide financial support for the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture; as well as measures to facilitate development of hydroponics and agro-technology and leisure farming ancillary to agricultural production, and to enhance food safety and the marketing of local fresh produce. An overview of the NAP and the implementation plan is set out in a paper submitted to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (FSEH Panel) on 2 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)767/15-16(03)).

To take forward the proposed establishment of the Agri-Park, we have commissioned an engineering feasibility study in February 2016 to identify the initial boundary of the Agri-Park and draw up a detailed implementation plan. Details of the SADF including its proposed scope, assessment criteria and monitoring mechanism are set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)997/15-16(03) presented to the FSEH Panel on 8 March 2016. Members of the

FSEH Panel were generally in support. The Government will proceed to seek funding approval of the Finance Committee in the second quarter of 2016 for setting up the SADF. Other initiatives under the NAP will be implemented in stages depending on their complexity, the respective procedural requirements as well as the availability of manpower and other resources. As is the established practice for public policy deliberation, we shall maintain a close dialogue with stakeholders at different stages of the initiatives.

Apart from the existing resources for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of one staff and \$0.9 million will be provided in 2016-17 to the Food and Health Bureau, and 16 staff and \$6.6 million to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the NAP. Resources required for implementing individual measures under the NAP, such as the promulgation of the Agri-Park, will be sought in due course in accordance with established rules and procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)210**

**(Question Serial No. 4793)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety Programme of the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch), would the Government please provide the breakdown on the 95.5% increase in the estimated financial provisions for 2016-2017 over the 2015-2016 revised estimate?

Asked by: Hon Kenneth LEUNG (Member Question No. 4.10)

Reply:

The increase of \$47.1 million (95.5%) in the 2016-17 estimate of Programme 2 : Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety as compared with the 2015-16 revised estimate is mainly due to the increase in personal emoluments and personnel related expenses resulting from pay adjustment and the creation of new posts (+\$6.4m), conducting food safety related surveys and studies, including ongoing surveys relating to the supply of powdered formulae, development of guidelines for good practice in using “re-used oils” for reference by the catering industry, as well as other studies relating to regulatory proposals on food safety as appropriate (around +\$15m), supporting the work of Fishermen Claim Appeal Board (+\$7.2m), and the retention of contingency for avian influenza and other unexpected requirements arising from food incidents (+\$20.0m). The increased provision is partly offset by the reduced requirement on consultancy study on live poultry trade (-\$1.4m) in 2015-16 due to adjustment of the payment schedule and the lapse of one-off provisions for various work completed in 2015-16 (-\$1.3m).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)211**

**(Question Serial No. 4794)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Environmental Hygiene Programme of the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch), would the Government please provide the breakdown on the 91.8% increase in the estimated financial provisions for 2016-2017 over the 2015-2016 revised estimate?

Asked by: Hon Kenneth LEUNG (Member Question No. 4.11)

Reply:

The increase of \$19 million (91.8%) in the 2016-17 estimate of Programme 3 : Environmental Hygiene as compared with the 2015-16 revised estimate is mainly due to the additional allocation for handling the extra work associated with the anticipated implementation of the Private Columbaria Bill (+\$2.8m), technical studies needed to gain local acceptance of works projects including public columbaria (+\$3.5m), and enhancing our capacity to pursue measures called for to meet environmental hygiene exigencies (+\$11.4m).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)212****(Question Serial No. 6328)**

**Head:** (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified

**Programme:** (1) Director of Bureau's Office

**Controlling Officer:** Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Food and Health

**Question:**

Please list out in a table details of the duty visits made by personnel of the Director of Bureau's Office in 2014-15, including the place, purpose and date of visits, the number of days involved, size of entourage as well as the amount of expenditure for each visit.

**Asked by:** Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 248)

**Reply:**

Details of the duty visits made by the personnel of the Office of the Secretary for Food and Health in 2014-15 and the expenditure involved are as follows -

<b>No. of visits</b>	<b>Place of visits</b>	<b>Purpose of visits</b>	<b>Number of days of visit</b>	<b>No. of participating officers</b>	<b>Total expenditure* (\$'000)</b>
14	The Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen), Macau, Taiwan, the Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland and United Kingdom.	To attend meetings and conferences, for the purpose of promoting cooperation, and keeping abreast of the latest developments including the exchange of views with Mainland and overseas counterparts on subjects under the purview of the Food and Health Bureau.	1 to 6	1 to 3	435

\* Including expenditure on air passage, hotel accommodation and transportation, subsistence allowance and other related expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)213**

**(Question Serial No. 6329)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Bureau's action against the unlicensed sale of food on the internet platform, please list out the number of complaint cases received by the Bureau, the number of prosecutions instituted, and details of goods seized over the past 4 years. What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 249)

Reply:

In the past four years (2012-2015), there were 13, 3, 9 and 24 prosecutions respectively against food premises for selling food online without a licence. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep separate statistics on the number of complaints against selling food online received. The prosecutions pertain mostly to illegal online sale of high risk food such as frozen confections, sashimi, and chilled meat. We do not keep more detailed particulars of the seized commodities. The Department does not have a breakdown on the expenditure involved as such work was absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)214**

**(Question Serial No. 6346)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What was the expenditure on supporting the work of the Fishermen Claim Appeal Board in 2015-2016?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 267)

Reply:

The revised estimate for supporting the work of the Fishermen Claims Appeal Board (Trawl Ban) (FCAB) for 2015-16 is \$2.9 million. The expenditure includes the staff cost and general operating cost of the FCAB Secretariat, as well as the fees for hiring outside legal advisors and other supporting services such as translation. In addition, a team in the Food and Health Bureau comprising two officers at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and Administrative Officer rank respectively is responsible for overseeing and supporting the operation of the FCAB, among other duties.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)215****(Question Serial No. 6357)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on how the Administration would improve the operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas? Would the Administration increase the number of licences and pitches for fixed-pitch hawkers?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 278)

Reply:

The Government introduced in June 2013 the Hawker Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (HAS) to provide the hawkers concerned with financial incentives to further reduce fire risks posed by on-street hawking activities in the hawker areas. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has made good progress in implementing the scheme. All 496 hawker stalls located directly in front of staircase discharge points of adjacent building, or obstructing the operation of fire engines or other emergency vehicular access have been acted on by December 2015. Of these, 429 cases have completed the relocation exercise whereas the hawkers in the other 67 cases have voluntarily surrendered their licences and vacated the pitches. The Department would continue to follow up and encourage hawkers to reconstruct their stall structures to meet the fire-resisting specifications. Eligible hawkers who have not yet exercised their option to surrender their licence (in return for an ex-gratia payment) or apply for a grant to reconstruct their stalls may do so before the HAS expires in June 2018.

Going forward, the Department would, in the course of administering the HAS, endeavor to identify areas which could bring about enhancement to the hawking environment. This may include rationalising the overall layout of hawker stalls where circumstances permit. On whether to re-issue new hawker licences to fill any vacant pitches in the relevant hawker areas, the Department would carefully consider the case at a suitable time, taking into account the circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and

environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Council and local residents.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)216**

**(Question Serial No. 6358)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please list out the number of itinerant hawker licences issued by the Administration over the past 5 years. Would the Administration consider increasing the number of licences to be issued? What are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 279)

Reply:

Since 1970s, it has been the Government's policy not to issue new itinerant hawker licences.

The Government is committed to implementing a hawker policy which can strike an optimal balance between allowing licensed hawking business to thrive on the one hand and meeting other legitimate concerns such as avoiding unreasonable nuisance to the local community in addition to ensuring food safety, environmental hygiene and public security on the other. Itinerant hawkers usually gather at busy pedestrian thoroughfares when in operation. They impede pedestrian and/or vehicular flow with their trolleys and goods and bring about environmental hygiene and general nuisance concerns. The Government has no plan to issue any itinerant hawker licence in the coming year.

Although the Government does not issue new itinerant hawker licences, we keep an open mind towards proposals for developing the hawker trade or the establishment of open-air bazaars or night markets with local characteristics, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, public passageways are not obstructed and local community support is obtained. If suitable sites are identified and support from the relevant district councils has been obtained and provided that food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, we stand ready to facilitate liaison with relevant government departments. Existing resources will continue to be deployed to carry out the said facilitation work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)217**

**(Question Serial No. 6359)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What was the amount of expenditure used to conduct research and studies relating to the ongoing work on powdered formula products in 2015-16?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No.282)

Reply:

We have been conducting surveys on the supply chain of powdered formula products in Hong Kong, with a view to (i) monitoring the supply and price levels of powdered formula at the local retail level, as well as (ii) gauging local parents' experience of local consumers in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude in using various pre-order channels. The expenditure incurred for these surveys in 2015-16 was around \$727,000.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)218**

**(Question Serial No. 6360)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What accounts for the 91.7% increase in the Estimate of 2016-17 over the Original Estimate of 2015-16?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No.284)

Reply:

The increase of \$46.1 million (91.6%) in the 2016-17 estimate of Programme 2 : Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety as compared with the 2015-16 original estimate is mainly due to the increase in personal emoluments and personnel related expenses resulting from pay adjustment and the creation of new posts (+\$7m), conducting food safety related surveys and studies, including ongoing surveys relating to the supply of powdered formulae, development of guidelines for good practice in using “re-used oils” for reference by the catering industry, as well as other studies relating to regulatory proposals on food safety as appropriate (around +\$15m), supporting the work of Fishermen Claim Appeal Board (+\$7.2m) and the retention of contingency for avian influenza and other unexpected requirements arising from food incidents (+\$15m). The increased provision is partly offset by the reduced requirement on consultancy study on live poultry trade (-\$0.7m) in 2015-16 due to adjustment of the payment schedule and the lapse of one-off provisions for various work completed in 2015-16 (-\$1.3m).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)219**

**(Question Serial No. 5715)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau  
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the work of the Government to “implement the new agriculture policy to proactively support the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture, including preparing for the establishment of the Agricultural Park and the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund”.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 521)

Reply:

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. Measures underpinning the NAP include establishing an Agricultural Park (Agri-Park) to help nurture agro-technology and agro-business management; commissioning a consultancy study to explore ways to incentivise the use of agricultural land that may otherwise lie fallow for long-term agricultural purposes; establishing a Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF) to provide financial support for the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture; as well as measures to facilitate development of hydroponics and agro-technology and leisure farming ancillary to agricultural production, and to enhance food safety and the marketing of local fresh produce. An overview of the NAP and the implementation plan is set out in a paper submitted to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 2 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)767/15-16(03)).

Policy matters relating to local agriculture are currently handled by a team in the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) comprising two officers at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and Senior Administrative Officer rank respectively. They are responsible for other work as well. In 2016-17, an additional provision of a time-limited Administrative Officer post and \$0.9 million will be provided to FHB to underpin the team on work relating to the NAP.

Separately, apart from the existing resources in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million will be provided to AFCD in 2016-17 for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the NAP. Resources required for implementing individual measures under the NAP, such as the promulgation of the Agri-Park, will be sought in due course in accordance with established rules and procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)220**

**(Question Serial No. 7227)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

According to Programme (3), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) safeguards the welfare of animals through the enforcement of relevant legislation. Regarding the regulation of pet food, would the Government advise on the following:

Over the past 3 years, has the AFCD deployed any staff to conduct random check on the pet food available in the market to ensure safe consumption for pets? If yes, what were the manpower and expenditures involved? How many pet food samples failed to meet the safety standards? If not, what were the reasons? How many complaints involving pet food were received in each of the most recent 3 years? How did the Department handle such complaints? What were the manpower and expenditures involved? Currently, is there any legislation to regulate the quality of pet food? Will the Government consider regulating pet food by legislation? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

In the absence of a set of internationally recognised and commonly used safety standards for pet food, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) does not collect pet food samples from the market for testing.

Over the past 3 years, AFCD had received 8 complaints concerning pet food as indicated in the table below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of complaints concerning pet food</b>
2013	2
2014	1
2015	5

Upon receipt of a complaint, AFCD would follow up and liaise with the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the pet food concerned, and provide a response to the complainant as appropriate.

Work in relation to pet food is handled with existing resources. AFCD does not have breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved.

No major incidents concerning safety of pet food in Hong Kong transpire in recent years. AFCD will continue to keep in view international developments in relation to the regulation of pet food as well as the need to introduce domestic legislation for regulating the import, manufacturing or sale of pet food in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)221****(Question Serial No. 5540)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Would the Government set out, by type of animal, the respective numbers of stray animals caught over the past 3 years, and how many of them were euthanised over the past year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 309)Reply:

The number of stray animals caught by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department over the past 3 years is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other animals*</b>
2013	4 626	2 866	444
2014	3 676	1 836	1 374
2015	2 412	1 359	1 418

The number of stray animals caught which were euthanised in 2015 is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other animals*</b>
2015	1 424	605	828

\* Including small mammals (rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas, guinea pigs and rats), pigs/cattle, reptile, poultry/birds, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)222**

**(Question Serial No. 4259)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In 2011, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, in conjunction with the Hong Kong Police Force, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong), set up an inter-departmental special working group; what were the respective numbers of meetings held by the group over the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

In 2011, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, in conjunction with the Police, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, set up an inter-departmental special working group (WG) for forging close cooperation and mutual support in handling animal cruelty cases. Over the past 3 years, the WG as well as Bureaux and Departments represented thereon meet regularly and on an ad hoc basis, both formally and informally, to discuss the handling of individual cases, formulate guidelines for improving efficiency in the detection and prevention of animal cruelty cases, and reviewing the guidelines from time to time. Given the varied nature of the meetings and liaison, we have not kept figures on the number of meetings and discussions held by members of the WG. In addition, the WG has also been organising training courses for relevant government officers to facilitate continuous enhancement of their understanding of animal welfare issues and skills for handling animal cruelty cases. It keeps in view the level of penalty handed down by the court for the purpose of considering whether a review of the relevant regulations is necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)223**

**(Question Serial No. 4260)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

According to the Rabies Ordinance (Cap. 421) (the Ordinance), a keeper of any mammal who, without reasonable excuse, abandons that animal commits an offence. Over the past 3 years, how many prosecutions had been instituted under the Ordinance and what were the penalties sentenced?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

Under Section 22 of the Rabies Ordinance (Cap. 421) (the Ordinance), a keeper of any animal who abandons that animal without reasonable excuse is liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months. In adducing evidence to substantiate a case under Section 22 of the Ordinance, it is difficult for the prosecution to prove beyond reasonable doubt that a person abandons an animal without reasonable excuse, particularly in those cases where there is no witness. To tackle cases involving dogs, the prosecution may press charges against the dog owners concerned for failing to take proper control of their dogs in public places pursuant to Section 23 of the Ordinance. The maximum penalty for contravening this provision is a fine of \$10,000.

Information on the number of relevant convictions under the Ordinance over the past 3 years and the penalty imposed is given below:



<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Prosecution against abandonment of animals</b>		<b>Prosecution against improper control of dogs</b>	
	<b>Number of convicted cases</b>	<b>Penalty imposed</b>	<b>Number of convicted cases</b>	<b>Heaviest penalty imposed</b>
2013	1	A fine of \$500	296	A fine of \$2,500
2014	0	Not applicable	331	A fine of \$1,200
2015	0	Not applicable	246	A fine of \$2,000

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)224****(Question Serial No. 4284)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Over the past 4 years, what were the annual quantities of Rabisin procured by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department? What were the numbers of vaccines administered on dogs, cats and rabbits?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 84)Reply:

The quantity of anti-rabies vaccine procured over the past 4 years by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Quantity of anti-rabies vaccine procured (shots)</b>
2012	71 000
2013	71 500
2014	80 000
2015	60 000

The number of dogs vaccinated against rabies over the past 4 years is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of dogs vaccinated against rabies*</b>
2012	65 540
2013	60 018
2014	62 195
2015	65 537

\* Under the Rabies Ordinance (Cap 421), a dog aged over 5 months is required to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies every 3 years. This number is based on the number of dog licences issued by AFCD in that particular year.

Under the Rabies Ordinance (Cap. 421), only dogs are required to be vaccinated against rabies. As this requirement does not apply to cats and rabbits, AFCD does not have information on the number of cats and rabbits vaccinated.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)225**

**(Question Serial No. 4285)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

How many dogs in Hong Kong are currently licensed under a valid dog licence? Over the past 4 years, how many applications for and renewal cases of dog licences were handled annually by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 85)

Reply:

As at 8 March 2016, there were 179 682 dog licences issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

Information on the number of new dog licences issued and dog licences renewed over the past 4 years is given below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of new dog licences issued</b>	<b>Number of dog licences renewed</b>
2012	19 324	46 216
2013	17 720	42 298
2014	19 633	42 562
2015	19 600	45 937

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)226**

**(Question Serial No. 4286)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Since the establishment of the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund by the Government in 2013, how many applications have been received respectively in each year? How many applications have been approved respectively in each year? How much funding has been approved cumulatively under the Fund? How is the effectiveness thereof?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 86)

Reply:

The Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) has been open to applications since July 2014. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has received 15 and 8 applications under SFDF in 2014 and 2015 respectively. So far, a total of 6 applications have been approved with a total grant of about \$28.3 million. AFCD will closely monitor the progress of the approved projects and assess their effectiveness in enhancing the sustainable development of the local fisheries industry.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)227**

**(Question Serial No. 4287)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the current number of veterinary surgeons registered under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance in Hong Kong, as well as the number of veterinary clinics.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) (the Ordinance) provides for the regulation of the practice of veterinary surgery, the registration of veterinary surgeons and disciplinary control of the professional activities of registered veterinary surgeons in Hong Kong. The Veterinary Surgeons Board (VSB) established thereunder is the regulatory body. Only veterinary surgeons who have registered with the VSB are permitted to practise veterinary surgery or provide veterinary service in Hong Kong. As at 9 March 2016, there were 840 registered veterinary surgeons in Hong Kong.

We do not keep information on the number of veterinary clinics in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)228****(Question Serial No. 6385)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the existing locally-operated hydroponic farms, please provide the number, their locations, the district distribution, areas occupied, the total production area and their respective **zonings** on the **Outline Zoning Plan** (such as Agriculture, Green Belt, etc).

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied	Total production area	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Agricultural Land					
Industrial Building					

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 94)Reply:

The requested information on the local hydroponic farms as at 31 December 2015 is tabulated below:

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total production area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Agricultural Land	Yuen Long	3	39 000	10 670	Agriculture
		1	300	180	Open Storage
		1	2 500	2 000	Coastal Protection Area
		1	556	390	Open Space

		1	11 000	6 000	Industrial
		1	6 000	3 350	Village Type Development
	North	1	2 000	1 700	Agriculture
		1	6 000	4 000	Agriculture/Green Belt
	Tuen Mun	1	6 000	2 000	Village Type Development
Industrial Building	North	1	100	75	Industrial
	Kwai Chung	1	300	300	Industrial
		1	200	180	Other Specified Use
	Kwun Tong	2	480	890	Other Specified Use
Green Belt	Yuen Long	1	3 500	2 500	Green Belt
	North	1	720	500	Green Belt
Others	Sham Shui Po	1	250	250	Residential *

\* The hydroponic centre is located on a piece of land under Short Term Tenancy which allows operation of a small vegetable factory.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)229****(Question Serial No. 6745)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please provide the numbers and distribution of the existing leisure farms in Hong Kong.

	Number
Yuen Long	
Tuen Mun	
North	
Tai Po	
Sha Tin	
Other districts (please specify)	

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 336)Reply:

According to the information gathered by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the number and distribution of leisure farms in Hong Kong are as follows:

District	Number of leisure farms
Yuen Long	68
Tuen Mun	4
North	40
Tai Po	16
Sha Tin	3
Sai Kung	3
Islands	2
Kwun Tong	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)230**

**(Question Serial No. 6752)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

To support modernisation of local agricultural technology, the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) established at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market in 2013 the first "Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre" (C.E.H. R&D Centre) in Hong Kong. Please provide the following information:

- (a) The sources of funding for the C.E.H. R&D Centre in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- (b) What are the expenditure and manpower involved respectively? What are the respective numbers of staff employed by the VMO and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 345)

Reply:

- (a) - (b) The Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre (C.E.H. R&D Centre) was established in 2013 by the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) for introducing and demonstrating the technology and equipment for hydroponic production. The operation is fully funded by the VMO. The total expenditure and manpower involved over the past 4 years are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Total Expenditure for operating the C.E.H. R&D Centre (\$ million)	Number of staff as at end of the Financial Year (31 March)
2012-13	7.3*	3
2013-14	1.9	5
2014-15	2.1	5
2015-16 (revised estimate)	1.7	5

\* Capital cost for setting up and trial run of the C.E.H. R&D Centre which began operation in March 2013.

All staff working in the C.E.H. R&D Centre are employed by the VMO. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department provides technical advice and administrative support to the C.E.H. R&D Centre, but is not involved in its operation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)231****(Question Serial No. 6761)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

- (a) To support modernisation of local agricultural technology, the Vegetable Marketing Organization established at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market in 2013 the first "Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre" (C.E.H. R&D Centre) in Hong Kong. Please provide the following information: the annual total weights and daily average weights of harvested and saleable hydroponic vegetables, as well as that of hydroponic vegetables lost due to dull sale and return, of the C.E.H.R&D Centre in 2012-2013, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-16
Annual total weight and daily average weight of harvested and saleable hydroponic vegetables				
Annual total weight and daily average weight of hydroponic vegetables lost due to dull sale and return				
Number of retail outlets				

- (b) Please provide the following information: the total expenditures, total revenues, annual total retail volumes and revenues of hydroponic vegetables, annual total wholesale volumes and revenues of hydroponic vegetables, as well as annual total and daily average production volumes of hydroponic vegetables, of the C.E.H. R&D Centre in 2012-2013, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-16
Total expenditure				
Total revenue				
Annual total retail volume and revenue of hydroponic vegetables				
Annual total wholesale volume and revenue of hydroponic vegetables				
Annual total and daily average production volumes of hydroponic vegetables				

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 355)

Reply:

- (a) - (b) The “Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre” (C.E.H. R&D Centre) was established in 2013 by the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) for introducing and demonstrating the technology and equipment for hydroponic production. The operation is fully funded by the VMO. The main purpose of setting up the C.E.H. R&D Centre is to study and develop controlled environment hydroponic techniques, demonstrate the production methods and facilitate technology transfer to the trade. Currently half of the floor area is used for research and development work rather than for commercial production. Therefore the C.E.H. R&D Centre should not be compared with a regular commercial hydroponic farm running on business principles. Against the above background, the requested information is tabulated below:

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016 (revised estimate)
Total expenditure for operating the C.E.H. R&D Centre (\$ million)	7.3*	1.9	2.1	1.7
Total revenue (\$ million)	-	0.85	0.82	0.72
Annual total weight and daily average weight of harvested and saleable hydroponic vegetables @	-	6 563 kg/year or 18 kg/day	8 379kg/year or 23 kg/day	6 061 kg/year or 17 kg/day
Annual total marketed volume and revenue of hydroponic vegetables #	-	4 309 kg at \$0.85 million	3 902 kg at \$0.82 million	3 023 kg at \$0.72 million

Annual total weight and daily average weight of hydroponic vegetables unsold, including those used for promotional activities	-	2 254 kg/year or 6.2 kg/day	4 477 kg/year or 12.3 kg/day	3 038 kg/year or 8.3 kg/day
Number of retail outlets	-	57	75	44

\* Capital cost for setting up and trial run of the C.E.H. R&D Centre which began operation in March 2013.

@ The total harvested and saleable volume already excludes the wastage (e.g. produce of subpar quality) generated during the production process.

# There is no separate breakdown on the wholesale and retail volume and revenue.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)232****(Question Serial No. 6763)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the locally-operated hydroponic farms, please provide the number, their locations, the district distribution, areas occupied, the total production area and their respective zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan (such as Agriculture, Green Belt, etc) over the past 5 years:

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied	Total production area	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Agricultural Land					
Industrial Building					
Green Belt					
Others (please specify)					

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 358)Reply:

The information kept by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on the local hydroponic farms in 2014 and 2015 is tabulated below. The Department does not have the requested information for the years before 2014.

(a) As at 31 December 2014

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total production area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Agricultural Land	Yuen Long	3	8 056	6 980	Agriculture
		1	230	161	Open Storage
		1	1 800	1 260	Coastal Protection Area
		1	556	390	Open Space
		1	7 400	5 920	Industrial
	North	1	1 400	980	Agriculture
		2	2 124	1 485	Agriculture/Green Belt
	Tuen Mun	1	100	70	Village Type Development
Industrial Building	North	1	10	20	Industrial
	Kwai Chung	1	200	400	Industrial
		1	110	220	Other Specified Use
	Kwun Tong	2	430	1,044	Other Specified Use
Green Belt	Yuen Long	1	7 400	5 920	Green Belt
	North	1	720	500	Green Belt
Others	Sham Shui Po	1	250	504	Residential *

\* The hydroponic centre is located on a piece of land under Short Term Tenancy which allows operation of a small vegetable factory.

(b) As at 31 December 2015

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total production area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Agricultural Land	Yuen Long	3	39 000	10 670	Agriculture
		1	300	180	Open Storage
		1	2 500	2 000	Coastal Protection Area
		1	556	390	Open Space
		1	11 000	6 000	Industrial
		1	6 000	3 350	Village Type Development
	North	1	2 000	1 700	Agriculture
		1	6 000	4 000	Agriculture/Green Belt
	Tuen Mun	1	6 000	2 000	Village Type Development



Industrial Building	North	1	100	75	Industrial
	Kwai Chung	1	300	300	Industrial
		1	200	180	Other Specified Use
	Kwun Tong	2	480	890	Other Specified Use
Green Belt	Yuen Long	1	3 500	2 500	Green Belt
	North	1	720	500	Green Belt
Others	Sham Shui Po	1	250	250	Residential *

\* The hydroponic centre is located on a piece of land under Short Term Tenancy which allows operation of a small vegetable factory.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)233****(Question Serial No. 6765)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Would the Government advise on the promotional expenditures on local (a) leisure farms; (b) organic farms; (c) hydroponic farms; (d) accredited farms; and (e) conventional farms over the past 5 years.

<u>Promotional expenditures</u>	<u>Leisure farms</u>	<u>Organic farms</u>	<u>Hydroponic farms</u>	<u>Accredited farms</u>	<u>Conventional farms</u>
<u>2015</u>					
<u>2014</u>					
<u>2013</u>					
<u>2012</u>					
<u>2011</u>					

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 360)Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has been providing various services to support the local agricultural industry, including (i) promoting organic farming; (ii) developing new farming techniques to raise productivity; (iii) introducing new and improved crop varieties for local cultivation; (iv) assisting in setting up farmers' markets to help farmers reach out to customers and organising the annual FarmFest to showcase local agricultural and fishery production; and (v) administering 3 funds to provide loans to farmers as development and/or working capital. The breakdown of expenditure in promoting organic farms, accredited farms and conventional farms is tabulated as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)		
	Organic farms	Accredited farms	Conventional farms
2011 – 12	7.1	2.3	19.1
2012 – 13	6.7	2.5	20.4
2013 – 14	6.3	2.3	21.5
2014 – 15	5.6	2.4	22.7
2015 – 16 (revised estimate)	6.1	2.6	25.1

In addition, the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO), through its Agricultural Development Fund (ADF), also promotes the development of leisure farming and hydroponics. VMO conducts publicity activities on leisure farming including publishing promotional materials and organising seminars and study visits for the general public and farmers. It has also set up and funds the operation of the Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre (C.E.H. R&D Centre) to study and develop controlled environment hydroponic techniques, demonstrate the production methods and facilitate technology transfer to the trade. Half of the floor area in the C.E.H. R&D Centre is used for research and development work rather than for commercial production. According to the VMO, its expenditure in the promotion of leisure farming and the operation of the C.E.H. R&D Centre over the past 5 years is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Leisure farms	Hydroponic technology
2011 – 12	0.5	-
2012 – 13	0.6	7.3 <sup>#</sup>
2013 – 14	0.8	1.9
2014 – 15	1.0	2.1
2015 – 16 (revised estimate)	0.8	1.7

<sup>#</sup> Capital cost for setting up and trial run of the C.E.H. R&D Centre which began operation in March 2013.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)234**

**(Question Serial No. 6978)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

At present, how many hectares of agricultural land are suitable for rehabilitation? Is there any limit on the area of land for which a person can apply for agricultural rehabilitation? What is the maximum area of land available for agricultural rehabilitation? How many people are there on the waiting list? What is the average waiting time?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 581)

Reply:

Through the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme, staff of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) bring owners of farmland and interested farmers together to work out a rental agreement for leasing out the farmland. At present, about 4.6 hectares of agricultural land is available for leasing to interested parties for farming. There is no restriction on the size of farmland that may be rented. In 2015, the farm size of successful cases ranged from 0.4 to 5.5 dau chung (with 1 dau chung being equivalent to 7 260 square feet). As at the end of 2015, 287 people were on the waiting list. In 2015, the average waiting time for successful cases was 5 years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)235**

**(Question Serial No. 7141)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Over the past 5 years, how many persons had made applications under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund? What were the respective numbers of applications successfully approved? What is the amount of surplus in the Fund?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 716)

Reply:

The Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) is open to applications since July 2014. As at end-February 2016, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has received 23 applications, of which 6 applications have been approved, involving a total commitment of about \$28.3 million. Currently, the SFDF has a balance of about \$471.7 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)236**

**(Question Serial No. 7142)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Over the past 5 years, how many applications were received and approved respectively regarding the lease of agricultural land under the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department? What is the area of land leased out under the Scheme? What is the average waiting time for applicants? What is the number of waiting cases for leasing agricultural land at present?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 717)

Reply:

Information on the operation of the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme over the past 5 calendar years is tabulated below:

<b>Issues</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Number of new applications	62	38	51	44	45
Number of successful cases	17	9	14	12	41
Farmland successfully leased out (hectare)	2.8	3.4	6.2	2.6	5.4
Average waiting time for successful cases (year)	2.5	3.5	4	5	5
Number of applicants on the waiting list (as at end of the respective year)	192	221	258	278	287

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)237**

**(Question Serial No. 6165)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the many burnt or sunken vessels as a result of the fire broke out at Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter last year, how many applications for emergency relief were received from the fishermen? What was the number of successful cases and how much was granted? What was the number of rejected cases and what were the reasons for that?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 179)

Reply:

In connection with the fire incident occurred in the Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter last year, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has received 4 applications from owners of the affected fishing vessels for grants under the Emergency Relief Fund. As at mid-March 2016, 1 application was approved with a grant of \$73,500 while another application was declined for failing to meet the eligibility criterion of having at least 50% of the family income coming from fishing. 1 application was withdrawn. AFCD is awaiting submission of information from the remaining applicant for processing the application.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)238**

**(Question Serial No. 6319)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out the expenditure of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on promoting organic cultivation and intensive greenhouse production over the past 5 years, as well as the Department's estimated expenditure on the same aspects in 2016-2017.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 239)

Reply:

The expenditure incurred in promoting organic cultivation and intensive greenhouse production over the past 5 years is tabulated below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Organic Cultivation (\$ million)</b>	<b>Intensive Greenhouse Production (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	7.1	4.4
2012-13	6.7	4.9
2013-14	6.3	4.9
2014-15	5.6	4.9
2015-16 (revised estimate)	6.1	5.1

The provision earmarked for this area of work in 2016-17 is similar to that for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)239**

**(Question Serial No. 6320)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's estimated expenditure on and the details of implementing the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources in 2016-2017?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 240)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has earmarked \$0.8 million for work relating to the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (the Convention). This includes the preparation of a new piece of legislation for implementing the Convention and the relevant conservation measures in Hong Kong, obtaining relevant technical knowledge and experience in implementing the conservation measures from other places such as contracting parties to the Convention through training and visit, and conducting market surveys on toothfish.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)240****(Question Serial No. 6321)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

What were the types and volumes of imported toothfish in Hong Kong over the past 5 years? What will be the specific impact of implementing the Catch Documentation Scheme on the import of toothfish into Hong Kong?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 241)Reply:

Two species of toothfish, namely *Dissostichus mawsoni* (Antarctic toothfish) and *Dissostichus eleginoides* (Patagonian toothfish), are imported into Hong Kong. The volume of toothfish imports over the past 5 years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Volume* (tonnes)
2011	455.6
2012	567.0
2013	695.3
2014	1 093.3
2015	959.8

\* Based on statistics compiled by the Census and Statistics Department using information lodged with the Customs and Excise Department in import and export declarations

Toothfish constitutes a small proportion of the fish produce traded in Hong Kong and accounts for less than 0.5% of the total consumption of fish produce. The additional costs to be incurred by the trade in meeting the requirements under the proposed Catch

Documentation Scheme are expected to be minimal. In preparing the proposed legislation, we will take into account the information from the market surveys on toothfish and the views of the relevant stakeholders including seafood traders, importers, and environmental concern groups.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)241**

**(Question Serial No. 6327)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the management of stray animals and the promotion of animal welfare, please advise on the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's expenditures involved over the past 5 years, as well as the estimated expenditure in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 247)

Reply:

The expenditure on the management of stray animals and promotion of animal welfare over the past 5 years is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	30.6
2012-13	34.3
2013-14	35.6
2014-15	40.2
2015-16 (revised estimate)	40.0

In 2016-17, \$40.0 million has been earmarked for this area of work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)242**

**(Question Serial No. 6342)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Accredited Fish Farm Scheme, have there been any resources earmarked or additional resources provided for monitoring the quality of the fish produced from the fish farms concerned? If yes, what are the estimates and the breakdowns? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 262)

Reply:

In 2016-17, 4 staff and \$3.4 million have been earmarked for the work related to the Accredited Fish Farm Scheme (the Scheme). The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department regularly monitors the accredited farms throughout the culture period and conducts quality assurance tests to ensure that only products with satisfactory results will be marketed under the brand name of the Scheme. We do not have breakdown of the expenditure on monitoring the quality of products under the Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)243**

**(Question Serial No. 6354)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Will the Government create new posts or set up new offices for the establishment of the Agricultural Park? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 275)

Reply:

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. Apart from the existing resources in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million will be provided to AFCD in 2016-17 for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the NAP. Resources required for implementing individual measures under the NAP, such as the promulgation of the Agricultural Park, will be sought in due course in accordance with established rules and procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)244**

**(Question Serial No. 6356)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the estimated expenditure as well as manpower involved in the establishment of the Agricultural Park?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 277)

Reply:

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. Apart from the existing resources in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million will be provided to AFCD in 2016-17 for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the NAP. Resources required for implementing individual measures under the NAP, such as the promulgation of the Agricultural Park, will be sought in due course in accordance with established rules and procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)245**

**(Question Serial No. 6628)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The 2015-16 revised estimate is lower than the original estimate by 12.3%. What are the reasons for that? What has resulted in a reduction in the estimate? Does it involve cuts in services and manpower? What are the details?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 317)

Reply:

Under Programme (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets, the revised estimate in 2015-16 is lower than the original estimate in 2015-16 by 12.3% mainly due to a change in cash flow requirement for grants under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF). 6 applications under the SFDF involving a total commitment of about \$28.3 million have been approved in principle in 2015. The grants for the approved applications have started to be disbursed by instalments since February 2016. The total amount of grants to be disbursed in 2016-17 is estimated to be \$24 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)246**

**(Question Serial No. 6629)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The budget in 2016-17 is higher than the 2015-16 revised estimate by 11.4%. What are the reasons for that? Does it involve additional manpower and services? If yes, what is the ratio of additional manpower and services?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 318)

Reply:

Under Programme (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets, the estimate for 2016-17 is higher than the revised estimate in 2015-16 by 11.4% mainly due to:

- (a) a change in the cash flow requirement for grants under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF). 6 applications under the SFDF involving a total commitment of about \$28.3 million have been approved in principle in 2015. The grants for the approved applications have started to be disbursed by instalments since February 2016. The total amount of grants to be disbursed in 2016-17 is estimated to be \$24 million;
- (b) an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million to AFCD for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the New Agriculture Policy; and
- (c) increased expenditure for payments of contractual services relating to the management of wholesale markets.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)247**

**(Question Serial No. 6630)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

According to the Government, the 2015-16 revised estimate has been reduced by 12.3%. One of the reasons includes the one-off assistance package to fishermen affected by the trawl ban. What are the details? What are the details of the manpower and expenditure involved? Apart from the trawl ban, what are the details of the reduction in other aspects?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 319)

Reply:

Under Programme (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets, the revised estimate in 2015-16 is lower than the original estimate in 2015-16 by 12.3% or \$39.4 million mainly due to a change in cash flow requirement for grants under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF). 6 applications under the SFDF involving a total commitment of about \$28.3 million have been approved in principle in 2015. The grants for the approved applications have started to be disbursed by instalments since February 2016. The total amount of grants to be disbursed in 2016-17 is estimated to be \$24 million.

The revised estimate of the one-off assistance package to fishermen affected by the trawl ban is \$5.7 million less than the original estimate in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)248**

**(Question Serial No. 6631)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

After the implementation of the trawl ban, does the Government deploy staff to conduct regular sea patrol? What are the details of the manpower deployment involved? In addition, has the Government received any help-seeking and complaint cases? What are the numbers of help-seeking and prosecution cases and the details?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 320)

Reply:

Since the implementation of the trawl ban in Hong Kong waters with effect from 31 December 2012, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has been combating illegal fishing activities (including trawling) through regular and targeted patrols in the waters of Hong Kong, collection of intelligence from various sources, and joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force from time to time. The number of staff deployed in enforcement against illegal fishing activities (including trawling) in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is 9, 18 and 18 respectively. In 2015, there were a total of 107 complaint cases and requests for assistance, and 37 cases of successful prosecution related to illegal fishing activities (including trawling).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)249**

**(Question Serial No. 6632)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government provides infrastructural support, technical assistance and advice, credit facilities and vocational training to local farmers and fishermen. What are the details of the manpower and expenditure involved in respect of the said aspects?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 321)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been providing various services to support the local agricultural industry, including (i) promoting organic farming; (ii) developing new farming techniques to raise productivity; (iii) introducing new and improved crop varieties for local cultivation; (iv) assisting in setting up farmers' markets to help farmers reach out to customers and organising the annual FarmFest to showcase local agricultural and fishery production; and (v) administering three funds to provide loans to farmers as development and/or working capital. In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to keep up these efforts in supporting the local agriculture industry. A total of 74 staff and \$34.8 million have been earmarked for the above work in 2016-17.

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP). Major initiatives include establishing an Agricultural Park, exploring the feasibility of designating agricultural priority areas, setting up a \$500 million Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund, providing better support and assistance to help farmers move up the value chain, and developing leisure and educational activities related to agriculture. Apart from the existing resources for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million have been provided to AFCD in 2016-17 for implementing the NAP.

Regarding the fisheries industry, AFCD has been promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry through (i) implementing a suite of fisheries management and enhancement measures to help conserve and restore depleted marine resources; (ii) assisting fishermen to switch to sustainable fisheries operations and helping fish farmers to develop sustainable aquaculture through technical support services and credit facilities, including offering free training on sustainable fisheries and fisheries-related operations, implementing a fish hatchery scheme, and providing loans to fishermen and fish farmers; (iii) promoting good aquaculture practices and monitoring of aquaculture environment and fish health management; and (iv) administering the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) to help fishermen adopt a sustainable and high value-added operation mode and subsidise projects and research so as to enhance the overall competitiveness of the industry.

AFCD will continue with the various support measures for the fisheries industry. We have earmarked a total of 102 staff and \$100.3 million (including around \$10 million for the one-off assistance package for fishermen affected by the trawl ban and \$25 million for the SFDF) in 2016-17 for keeping up the work of promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)250**

**(Question Serial No. 6634)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the details and objectives of the Government for the planning and implementation of effective management activities and services? What are the details of the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 322)

Reply:

The management activities and services referred to in the question are for promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industries. Details of the work of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the manpower and expenditure involved are set out below.

AFCD has been providing various services to support the local agricultural industry, including (i) promoting organic farming; (ii) developing new farming techniques to raise productivity; (iii) introducing new and improved crop varieties for local cultivation; (iv) assisting in setting up farmers' markets to help farmers reach out to customers and organising the annual FarmFest to showcase local agricultural and fishery production; and (v) administering three funds to provide loans to farmers as development and/or working capital. In 2016-17, AFCD will continue to keep up these efforts in supporting the local agriculture industry. A total of 74 staff and \$34.8 million have been earmarked for the above work in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)251**

**(Question Serial No. 6635)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the details of the programmes and research subsidised by the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund? What are the details of the cost, manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 323)

Reply:

The Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) is open to applications since July 2014. As at end-February 2016, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has received 23 applications, of which 6 applications have been approved, involving a total commitment of about \$28.3 million. Details of the approved projects are as follows:

Projects	Amount involved
(i) "Mariculture Using Enclosure Net Cages" The project involves using large enclosure net cages extending from the water surface down to the seabed for culturing white flower croaker (mainly for its swim bladder to produce fish maw) together with two other species, namely giant grouper and pompano. Both the culture system and the culture of white flower croaker are new to Hong Kong.	\$6.4 million
(ii) "Fisheries-related Eco-tour Guide Training Programme for Fishermen (North-eastern Waters)" The project seeks to help fishermen develop or switch to fisheries-related ecotourism business by equipping them with the	\$2.3 million



<b>Projects</b>	<b>Amount involved</b>
necessary knowledge and skills as well as practical experience in operating eco-tours.	
(iii) "Depurated Oyster Project Proposal" The project makes use of a depuration process and a monitoring programme to enhance the safety and quality of local oysters. It seeks to build its own brand, extend the sales network and, in the long run, maintain a stable supply of a variety of oyster products that are safe and fresh for the local market.	\$3.0 million
(iv) "Fishery & Eco, Conservation Programme (Cheung Chau Waters)" The project helps fishermen switch to recreational fisheries by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills as well as practical experience in operating eco-tours. It will also involve planning and design of new eco-tour routes and related facilities which would be conducive to the development of recreational fisheries in the waters of Cheung Chau.	\$2.3 million
(v) "Promotion and Support Scheme on Organic Certification for the Organic Aquaculture in Hong Kong" The project will provide assistance to fish farmers in obtaining organic accreditation and will organise activities to enhance public understanding of organic aquaculture and to promote the development of a high-end market for organic aquaculture products.	\$10.5 million
(vi) "Establishment and Demonstration of Recirculation Aquaculture System for Fry Culture on Rafts" The project aims to develop grouper fry culture technique with the use of seawater recirculating system on fish rafts and to promote such culture technique to local fish farmers.	\$3.8 million

The estimated expenditure and manpower involved in administering the SFDF in 2015-16 are as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Manpower (Number of Staff)</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2015-16 (revised estimate)	3	9.1 <sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup> Including grants disbursed by instalments totaling \$8 million to approved projects.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)252****(Question Serial No. 4441)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the applications under the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme, please provide the average waiting time for successful cases, percentage of farmlands successfully matched, area of farmlands successfully leased out and number of successful applicants, rent per dau chung per year for successful cases, as well as the geographic distribution of successful applicants (broken down by 18 districts) in each year over the past 5 years (2010-11 to 2015-16).

Year	Average waiting time for successful cases	Percentage of farmland successfully matched	Area of farmlands successfully leased out (hectares) and number of successful applicants	Rent per dau chung per year for successful cases
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015				

Geographic distribution of successful applicants	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
North					
Yuen Long					
Tai Po					
Tuen Mun					
Sai Kung					
Islands					
Sha Tin					
Tsuen Wan					
Others					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 116)

Reply:

The relevant statistics under the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme are tabulated below:

Calendar Year	Average waiting time for successful cases (year)	Percentage of cases where matching is successful	Area of farmland successfully leased out (hectares (ha)) and number of successful applicants (cases)	Rental per year for successful cases
2011	2.5	6.8%	2.8 ha / 17 cases	\$1,200-\$10,000 per dau chung*
2012	3.5	4.1%	3.4 ha / 9 cases	\$1,200-\$5,000 per dau chung
2013	4	5.4%	6.2 ha / 14 cases	\$850-\$43,500 per dau chung
2014	5	4.3%	2.6 ha / 12 cases	\$300-\$7,000 per dau chung
2015	5	14.3%	5.4 ha / 41 cases	\$800-\$10,400 per dau chung

\* 1 dau chung is equivalent to 7 260 square feet

Geographic distribution of successful applicants/cases	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
North	3	4	4	9	34
Yuen Long	7	3	8	0	3
Tai Po	3	0	1	1	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0
Sai Kung	1	0	0	2	0
Islands	3	1	0	0	4
Sha Tin	0	1	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	9	14	12	41

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)253**

**(Question Serial No. 4443)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the number of applications for rehabilitation under the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme, number of new applications and land area involved, cumulative number of waiting cases as at end of that year/land area involved (hectare), longest waiting time for successful cases (year)/average waiting time (year) in each year over the past 5 years (2010-11 to 2015-16).

Year	Number of new applications and land area involved (hectare)	Cumulative number of waiting cases as at end of that year/land area involved (hectare)	Longest waiting time for successful cases (year)/average waiting time (year)
2011			
2012			
2013			
2014			
2015			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 118)

Reply:

Information on the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme over the past 5 years is tabulated below:

Calendar Year	Number of new applications / land area involved (hectare)	Total number of applications on the waiting list (as at 31 December) / land area involved (hectare)	Longest waiting time (year) / average waiting time (year) for successful cases
2011	62 / 12.8	192 / 47.6	8 / 2.5
2012	38 / 7.7	221 / 51.9	4 / 3.5
2013	51 / 7.8	258 / 53.5	4.5 / 4
2014	44 / 8.9	278 / 72.6	9 / 5
2015	45 / 8.0	287 / 70.6	11 / 5

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)254****(Question Serial No. 4444)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale MarketsControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

To support modernisation of local agricultural technology, the Vegetable Marketing Organization established at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market in 2013 the first "Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre" (C.E.H. R&D Centre) in Hong Kong. Please provide the following information:

Please set out by year, since 2013 up to now (2013-2016), the respective numbers of staff of the C.E.H. R&D Centre injured at work, the respective percentages of staff members injured, and the respective amounts of the compensation concerned.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 119)Reply:

The Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre (C.E.H. R&D Centre) was established in 2013 by the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) for introducing and demonstrating the technology and equipment for hydroponic production. The operation is fully funded by the VMO.

Information about injury on duty, based on advice from the VMO, about its operations including the C.E.H. R&D Centre, over the past 3 years is tabulated below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of cases of Injury On Duty</b>	<b>Percentage of Injury On Duty case (out of total number of staff of the VMO)</b>	<b>Total amount of compensation</b>
2013-14	2	1.0 %	\$37,533.20
2014-15	2	1.0 %	\$30,392.78
2015-16	0	Not applicable	Not applicable

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)255**

**(Question Serial No. 5684)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the total number of cats and dogs euthanised by the Government over the past 5 years. How much public fund in total was involved each year?

	Number of dogs euthanised by the Government	Number of cats euthanised by the Government	Amount of public fund
2015-16			
2014-15			
2013-14			
2012-13			
2011-12			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 369)

Reply:

The number of cats and dogs euthanised by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department over the past 5 years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Animals Euthanised	
	Dogs	Cats
2011	6 561	2 422
2012	5 675	1 950
2013	5 353	1 861
2014	3 868	1 039
2015	2 421	696

The expenditure involved in the euthanasia of animals\* over the past 5 years is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure * (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	1.3
2012-13	1.5
2013-14	1.6
2014-15	1.4
2015-16 (revised estimate)	1.5

\* The expenditure covers costs for euthanising animals including dogs, cats, small mammals, pigs/cattle, poultry/birds, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)256**

**(Question Serial No. 5720)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets  
(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Would the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please provide figures on the expenditure for the management of accredited farms over the past 3 years and the estimated expenditure in the financial year 2016-17.
- (b) Please set out the number and size (in hectares) of accredited farms over the past 3 years by region: locally in Hong Kong and in the Mainland (by provinces).
- (c) Please explain how the “composite productivity index” is computed (Page 39).
- (d) Please provide figures on the expenditure of the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) over the past 3 years and the estimated expenditure in the financial year 2016-17.
- (e) Please provide the numbers of stalls provided to various vegetable marketing co-operative societies by the VMO at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market over the past 3 years and the rental incomes involved.
- (f) Please provide figures on the manpower and expenditure for “regulating credit unions and co-operative societies” over the past 3 years and the estimated manpower and expenditure in the financial year 2016-17.
- (g) Please provide the locations of the 205 “weirs to be cleansed”.

- (h) Please provide a list of the 19 livestock farms licences estimated to be issued in 2016. Please also explain why the number of licences to be issued has decreased significantly from 31 in 2015.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 526)

Reply:

- (a) The expenditure involved in monitoring local and Mainland farms accredited under the Accredited Farm Scheme over the past 3 financial years and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Local	Mainland*
2013 - 14	2.3	1.5
2014 - 15	2.4	1.9
2015 - 16 (revised estimate)	2.6	2.0
2016 - 17 (estimate)	2.6	2.3

\* Funded by the Agricultural Development Fund of the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO).

- (b) Information on the number of and the area occupied by accredited farms is tabulated below:

As at 31 December	Local		Mainland			
			Guangdong		Ningxia	
	Number of farms	Area (hectares)	Number of farms	Area (hectares)	Number of farms	Area (hectares)
2013	261	81	26	1 322	10	1 356
2014	267	83	25	1 153	13	1 776
2015	272	84	23	1 080	13	1 825

- (c) The Agriculture Composite Productivity Index (ACPI) is the ratio of the index of agricultural production (covering local livestock and crop production but excluding non-food production like floriculture) at constant price to the index of farming population. It yields a productivity measure that indicates the efficiency of local agricultural production. The method of calculation is shown below:

$$\text{ACPI} = \frac{\text{Index of agricultural production at constant price (1985=100)} \times 100}{\text{Index of farming population (1985=100)}}$$

Where :

$$\text{Index of agricultural production at constant price} = \frac{\text{Annual value of agricultural production at 1985 price level} \times 100}{\text{Annual value of agricultural production in 1985}}$$

$$\text{Index of farming population} = \frac{\text{Number of farmers in the current year} \times 100}{\text{Number of farmers in 1985}}$$

- (d) The total expenditure of the VMO over the past 3 financial years and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 are tabulated below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2013-14	\$52.6
2014-15	\$57.8
2015-16 (revised estimate)	\$57.9
2016-17 (estimate)	\$69.0

- (e) The VMO charges commission on the value of sales of vegetables at its wholesale market rather than rental. Currently, a total of 27 Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies are operating in the VMO market. The amount of commission income received by VMO from the sales of vegetables of those co-operative societies over the past 3 financial years is given below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Commission Income (\$ million)</b>
2013-14	30.3
2014-15	27.8
2015-16 (revised estimate)	28.6

- (f) The expenditure and manpower involved in the supervision of co-operative societies (including agriculture, fisheries, buildings, consumers and workers co-operatives) and credit unions over the past 3 financial years and in 2016-17 are tabulated below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Co-operative Societies</b>		<b>Credit Unions</b>	
	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Number of Staff as at 31 December</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Number of Staff as at 31 December</b>
2013-14	6.6	15	4.6	10
2014-15	7.2	15	5.1	10
2015-16 (revised estimate)	7.3	15	5.5	10
2016-17 (estimate)	7.3	15	5.5	10

- (g) The 205 weirs planned to be cleansed in 2016 are located at Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Lam Tsuen, Fanling, Sheung Shui, Ta Kwu Ling, Yuen Long and Tuen Mun.
- (h) At present, there are a total of 72 licensed livestock farms, including 43 pig farms and 29 chicken farms. Each farm is holding a livestock keeping licence which is valid for a period of 3 years. The expiry dates of these licences vary and hence the number of licences to be renewed each year is different. In 2016, 19 licences (covering 4 pig farms and 15 chicken farms) will expire and are due for renewal.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)257**

**(Question Serial No. 4036)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2016 Policy Address that the Government will explore the feasibility of designating agricultural priority areas and conduct a consultation within this year.

- (a) What are details of the study concerned including the estimated overall expenditure, manpower and their posts?
- (b) Please provide the specific details of the study plan, including the scope and contents of the consultation, its format, composition and size of the target audience, number of events to be held, as well as the estimated expenditure involved.
- (c) In formulating the study plan, what are the basis for selecting the target audience and format of the consultation?
- (d) Will the progress and results of the study concerned be publicised? If yes, when? If not, why?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

- (a) - (d) In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP) to promote the modernisation and sustainable development of the local agricultural industry. As one of the measures underpinning the NAP, the Government will commission a consultancy study to explore the feasibility and merits of designating clusters of farmland that have higher value for agricultural activities, namely Agricultural Priority Areas (APAs), as well as the implementation details (such as criteria

and process for designation), with a view to preserving the designated areas for and incentivising their long-term agricultural uses. The study, the details of which are being worked out, would cover recommendations on the location and scope of the APAs (if considered feasible), as well as the administrative and statutory measures required for the implementation of APAs, including proactive means to facilitate agricultural rehabilitation. As it is the established practice for public policy deliberations, we shall maintain close dialogue with stakeholders at different stages of the study. Due consideration will be given to the views and interests of different stakeholder groups such as landowners, green groups and indigenous villagers.

Apart from the existing resources in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for supporting local agriculture, an additional provision of 16 staff and \$6.6 million will be provided to AFCD in 2016-17 for undertaking the extra work associated with the implementation of the NAP. Resources required for implementing individual measures under the NAP, such as the APA consultancy study, will be sought in due course in accordance with established rules and procedures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)258**

**(Question Serial No. 4037)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme implemented by the Government over the past 3 years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16), please provide information on:

- (a) the details of annual expenditure on implementing the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme, including the departmental manpower and expenditure involved; the number of applications for agricultural land rehabilitation, participating land owners, cases of successful matching, as well as the area of land involved in each case;
- (b) the number of new applicants for agricultural land rehabilitation each year, the cumulative number of applicants on the waiting list and the area of land involved;
- (c) the number of cases of successful matching each year, the details of area of land and rentals involved in each case as well as the average and the longest waiting time; and
- (d) whether the Government puts in place any measures to increase the chance of successful matching and reduce the waiting time for agricultural land rehabilitation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

- (a) - (c) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) operates the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS) through bringing owners of farmland and interested farmers together to work out a rental agreement for leasing out the farmland. The manpower and expenditure involved in operating

the ALRS and the relevant statistics on the cases handled over the past 3 calendar years are tabulated below:



Issues	2013	2014	2015
Manpower	1	1	1
Expenditure (\$ million)	0.9	0.9	0.9
Number of landowners participating in the ALRS	18	13	23
Number of new applications / land area involved (hectare)	51 / 7.8	44 / 8.9	45 / 8.0
Number of successful cases	14	12	41
Farmlands successfully leased out (hectare)	6.2	2.6	5.4
Farm sizes for successful cases (measured by “dau chung” *) The average size is given in bracket.	1 to 30 (6.5)	0.5 to 11.7 (3.2)	0.4 to 5.5 (2.0)
Rental per year for successful cases	\$850 to \$43,500 per dau chung	\$300 to \$7,000 per dau chung	\$800 to \$10,400 per dau chung
Longest waiting time for successful cases (year) / average waiting time (year)	4.5 / 4	9 / 5	11 / 5
Cumulative number of applicants on the waiting list / land area involved (hectare)	258 / 53.5	278 / 72.6	287 / 70.6

\* 1 dau chung is equivalent to 7 260 square feet

- (d) Agricultural land in Hong Kong is mainly in private hands. It is up to the landowners to decide whether to lease out their land for farming. In 2016-17, the AFCD will continue to liaise with landowners for leasing out fallow farmland, and provide farmers with technical advice and services to return fallow land to active farming. In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would implement the New Agriculture Policy (NAP). Among the supportive measures proposed under the NAP, the Government will commission a consultancy study to explore the feasibility and merits of identifying and designating “Agricultural Priority Areas” in order to incentivise their use for long-term agricultural purposes. In addition, the Government will establish a \$500 million Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund, under which non-governmental organisations or farming organisations may seek funding support for implementing projects aimed at promoting agricultural rehabilitation of fallow agricultural land. We believe these measures would help encourage landowners to lease out their farmland for farming uses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)259****(Question Serial No. 4066)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the employment of “agency workers”, please provide the following information:

	2015-16 (latest position)
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	( )
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	( )
Length of contract for each employment agency	( )
Number of agency workers	( )
Breakdown of posts taken up by agency workers	
Monthly salary range of agency workers	
• \$30,001 or above	( )
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	( )
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	( )
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	( )
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	( )
• below \$6,240	( )
Length of service of agency workers	
• above 15 years	( )
• 10 to 15 years	( )
• 5 to 10 years	( )
• 3 to 5 years	( )
• 1 to 3 years	( )
• less than 1 year	( )
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the Department	( )
Percentage of payment for employment agencies in the total staff costs of the Department	( )
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	( )

	2015-16 (latest position)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	( )
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )
Number of workers on five-day week	( )
Number of workers on six-day week	( )

Figures in ( ) denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2014-15

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

Details of the information on the use of employment agencies by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) are as follows:

	2015-16 (as at 31 January 2016)
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	4 (No Change)
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	\$0.31 million to \$0.57 million (-39% on average)
Length of contract for each employment agency	3 to 4.6 months
Number of agency workers	18 (-5.3%)
Breakdown of posts taken up by agency workers	The workers mainly provide construction and repair works.
Monthly salary range of agency workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,001 or above</li> <li>• \$16,001 to \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 to \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 to \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 to \$6,500</li> <li>• below \$6,240</li> </ul>	[Note 1]
Length of service of agency workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• above 15 years</li> <li>• 10 to 15 years</li> <li>• 5 to 10 years</li> <li>• 3 to 5 years</li> <li>• 1 to 3 years</li> <li>• less than 1 year</li> </ul>	[Note 2]
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in AFCD	0.9% (No Change)

Percentage of payment for employment agencies in the total staff costs of AFCD	0.2% (-0.2 percentage points)
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	[Note 3]
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Number of workers with paid meal break	
Number of workers without paid meal break	
Number of workers on five-day week	
Number of workers on six-day week	

*Figures in ( ) denote percentage changes compared with the position as at 31 January 2015*

- Note 1: With the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May 2011, contractors are required to pay their employees at not less than the SMW rate plus one paid rest day for every period of seven days or the average monthly wages for the relevant industry/occupation as published in the Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics for December 2010, whichever is higher. The exact wages of workers vary, depending on the numbers of working days and working hours of the workers specified in the employment contracts between the agencies and their workers.
- Note 2: Under the Government service contract, agencies may arrange any of their employees who meet the basic requirements specified in the contract to perform the required service. They may also arrange replacement workers during the contract period. Hence, the requested information is not available.
- Note 3: The requested information is not specified in the Government service contracts and hence is not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)260****(Question Serial No. 4067)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (-) Not specifiedControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the employment of “non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff”, please provide the following information:

	2015-16 (latest position)
Number of NCSC staff	
Breakdown of posts taken up by NCSC staff	
Salary expenditure for NCSC staff	
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,001 or above</li> <li>• \$16,001 to \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 to \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 to \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 to \$6,500</li> <li>• below \$6,240</li> </ul>	
Length of service of NCSC staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• above 15 years</li> <li>• 10 to 15 years</li> <li>• 5 to 10 years</li> <li>• 3 to 5 years</li> <li>• 1 to 3 years</li> <li>• less than 1 year</li> </ul>	
Number of staff converted to civil servants	
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	
Percentage of payment for NCSC staff in the total staff costs of the Department	

Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	
Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Number of staff with paid meal break Number of staff without paid meal break	
Number of staff on five-day week Number of staff on six-day week	

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

Details of the information on the employment of NCSC staff by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) are as follows:

	2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)
Number of NCSC staff	245 ( -5.8% )
Breakdown of posts taken up by NCSC staff	In AFCD, NCSC positions may broadly be categorised into four groups according to their job nature, namely professional support [22 staff], technical support [165 staff], administrative support [26 staff] and other services [32 staff].
Salary expenditure for NCSC staff	\$58,115,907 (+9.6% )
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,001 or above</li> <li>• \$16,001 to \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 to \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 to \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 to \$6,500</li> <li>• below \$6,240</li> </ul>	40 (+11.1% ) 13 (-7.1% ) 192 (-8.6% ) - - -
Length of service of NCSC staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• above 15 years</li> <li>• 10 to 15 years</li> </ul>	2 (-) 24 (-27.3% )

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 to 10 years</li> <li>• 3 to 5 years</li> <li>• 1 to 3 years</li> <li>• less than 1 year</li> </ul>	20 (+81.8% ) 37 (+15.6% ) 110 (+25% ) 52 (-45.8% )
Number of staff converted to civil servants	10 (-67.7% ) [Note 1]
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in AFCD	12.5% (-0.2 percentage point)
Percentage of payment for NCSC staff in the total staff costs of AFCD	8.1% (+0.5 percentage point)
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	20 (-37.5% )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	\$957,000 (-41.5% )
Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	20 (-37.5% ) [Note 2]
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	\$619,000 (-29.9% ) [Note 2]
Number of staff with paid meal break	[Note 3]
Number of staff without paid meal break	
Number of staff on five-day week	245 ( -5.8% )
Number of staff on six-day week	-

*Figures in ( ) denote percentage changes compared with the position as at 31 December 2014*

Note 1: The information covers only those NCSC staff in AFCD who have successfully applied for civil service posts of AFCD through open recruitment.

Note 2: There is no case of “contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF”.

Note 3: NCSC staff in AFCD are remunerated on a monthly-rated package which includes pay, meal breaks, annual leave, etc. as set out in the terms of employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)261**

**(Question Serial No. 3435)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Financial Secretary has stated in paragraph 148 of the 2015-16 Budget Speech that “asked all policy bureaux ..... to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritising. I have also launched the “0-1-1” envelope savings programme to reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the next three financial years. Resources saved will be re-allocated for new services”. Please inform this Committee of the details of the launch of the “0-1-1” envelope savings programme in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, affected services and the expenditures involved in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 90)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) plans to achieve the “0-1-1” envelope savings through re-engineering and re-prioritisation measures without affecting the core functions and activities, and the services provided to the public. Major measures include streamlining of workflow and administrative processes, reduction in non-essential expenses, etc. (such as procurement of souvenirs, use of other promotion media to replace printing of programme leaflets, etc.).

On the other hand, AFCD will roll out a number of new initiatives starting 2016-17, including implementing the new agriculture policy to proactively support the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture as well as implementing the first Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Hong Kong. To cope with the new tasks, AFCD is allocated with additional resources in 2016-17 and hence, the estimate for recurrent expenditure for 2016-17 increases by about \$84.5 million (7.5%) as compared with the revised estimate for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)262**

**(Question Serial No. 4652)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the new agriculture policy as mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 under this Programme, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the work, manpower and estimated expenditure involved in preparing for the establishment of the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund in 2016-17?
- (b) Regarding the Agricultural Park, has the Government considered resumption of land for the Agricultural Park use under the Lands Resumption Ordinance (Cap. 124) apart from designating suitable sites and then resuming the land from private landowners? If yes, what are the details?
- (c) In handling the agricultural land in the North East New Territories, the Development Bureau has planned to designate part of the land for agricultural use in the long run with a view to attracting landowners to lease their land to farmers for farming. Will such policy be continued under the new agriculture policy? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

- (a) On the establishment of the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF), we consulted the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (FSEH Panel) on 8 March 2016. Details of the SADF including its proposed scope, assessment criteria and monitoring mechanism are set out in the paper presented to the FSEH Panel (LC Paper No. CB(2)997/15-16(03)). Members of the Panel were generally in

support of the proposal. The Government will proceed to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee in the second quarter of 2016 for setting up the SADF.

An additional provision of 6 staff and \$2.5 million has been earmarked for administering the SADF (if approved) in 2016-17.

- (b) The Government has preliminarily identified a cluster of about 75 - 80 hectares of farmland in Kwu Tung South suitable for the establishment of the Agricultural Park (Agri-Park). We plan to acquire the farmland in private ownership through land resumption. To take forward the project, the Government has commissioned an engineering feasibility study to determine the initial boundary and major infrastructure support within the Agri-Park. The study is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. The Government will take into account the findings of the study to further work out the details of the Agri-Park.
- (c) As one of the measures underpinning the New Agriculture Policy, the Government will commission a consultancy study to explore the feasibility and merits of designating clusters of farmland that have higher value for agricultural activities, namely Agricultural Priority Areas (APAs), as well as the implementation details (such as criteria and process for designation), with a view to preserving them for and incentivising their long-term agricultural uses. The study, the details of which are being worked out, would cover recommendations on the location and scope of the APAs (if considered feasible) as well as the administrative and statutory measures required for the implementation of APAs, including proactive measures to facilitate agricultural rehabilitation. As it is the established practice for public policy deliberations, we shall maintain close dialogue with stakeholders at different stages of the study. Due consideration will be given to the views and interests of different stakeholder groups such as landowners, green groups and indigenous villagers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)263**

**(Question Serial No. 4669)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the follow-up actions on the implementation of the legislation to ban trawling and better regulate fishing activities in Hong Kong waters among the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 under the Programme, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Since the implementation of the legislation, what are the numbers of warnings issued, prosecutions instituted and conviction obtained against illegal trawling? What are the details on the penalties sentenced?
- (b) What is the law enforcement mechanism currently in place to combat illegal trawling (including the frequency of inspections conducted at sea, manpower deployed, reporting mechanism and the average time required to reach the subject fishing vessel)?
- (c) Is there any collaboration between the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and other law enforcement departments working at sea such as the Marine Police and the Marine Department to combat illegal trawling? If yes, please account for the details. If no, will consideration be made to enhance collaboration among various departments?
- (d) Since the implementation of the legislation till now, has there been any review conducted on the existing law enforcement mechanism, its effectiveness and the deterrent effect of the penalties? If yes, what are the findings of the review? If no review has been conducted, what are the reasons? Is there any plan as to when to conduct a review?

- (e) Over the past 12 months, what were the numbers of prosecutions instituted and warnings issued against Mainland fishermen trawling illegally within the waters of Hong Kong? Has the Government liaised with the relevant Mainland authorities and stepped up interception against such activities? If yes, please account for the details.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

- (a) The trawl ban in Hong Kong waters came into effect since 31 December 2012. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) would take prosecution action without warning if there is sufficient evidence of illegal fishing activities including trawling. As at end December 2015, we have 27 successful prosecutions against trawling. The penalty handed down by the court ranges from a fine of \$2,000 to \$100,000 with individual offenders being sentenced to imprisonment ranging from 2 days to 1 month, and 1 to 2 months suspended for 1 to 2 years.
- (b) In enforcing the relevant legislation, AFCD conducts regular and targeted patrols in Hong Kong waters at random hours (including those conducted at night time and early morning). In 2015, the number of patrols conducted by AFCD is more than 1 400. AFCD also collects intelligence from various sources, including fishermen groups, to help enhance effectiveness of targeted enforcement. At present, 5 law enforcement teams under AFCD (including the teams responsible for enforcing the provisions in fisheries-related legislation and the Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476)) are deployed in different waters to carry out patrols. Upon receipt of reports on illegal fishing activities including trawling, the law enforcement teams will proceed to the scene as soon as possible. Depending on the location of the waters concerned, the prevailing weather conditions and the state of the law enforcement team, the time required for reaching the scene where the subject fishing vessel is located varies. We do not keep such time records.
- (c) AFCD maintains close liaison with the Marine Regional Headquarters of the Hong Kong Police Force (MARPOL), the relevant MARPOL districts or divisions, and the Marine Department to exchange information and intelligence on illegal fishing activities including trawling; and conducts joint law enforcement operations as appropriate. AFCD and MARPOL will, in the light of the actual situation on the ground and the intelligence collected, adjust the enforcement strategies from time to time in order to effectively combat illegal fishing activities including trawling.
- (d) Since the implementation of the trawl ban, the operations of AFCD and other law enforcement departments have proved to be effective. Prosecutions have been successfully instituted on a number of occasions. It is a generally accepted view that the penalties imposed by the court carry sufficient deterrence. We do not consider it necessary to review the penalty levels at this stage but shall continue to monitor the situation closely.
- (e) AFCD will prosecute any fishermen (both local and non-local) involved in illegal fishing activities including trawling without warning if there is sufficient evidence.

In 2015, no Mainland fishermen were apprehended and prosecuted on grounds of trawling in Hong Kong waters. AFCD has maintained close liaison with the relevant Mainland authorities (including the Fisheries Authorities of Guangdong) as well as exchanged information with them as part of our concerted efforts to combat illegal fishing activities at the boundary of Hong Kong waters. The law enforcement agencies of Guangdong and Hong Kong (including AFCD, MARPOL and the Fisheries Authorities of Guangdong) also carry out joint enforcement operations regularly to combat cross-boundary illegal fishing activities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)264**

**(Question Serial No. 4670)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding accredited vegetable farms, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The reasons for the revision of the target from 3 414 hectares to 3 054 hectares as from 2016.
- (b) The measures taken to assist local farmers in joining the Accredited Farm Scheme over the past 3 years.
- (c) Is there any plan to increase the number of accredited vegetable farms in the coming year? If yes, what are the relevant measures?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

- (a) Farms eligible to join the Accredited Farm Scheme (AFS) include both local and Mainland vegetable farms set up by Hong Kong farmers. The target for the total area of accredited vegetable farms in 2016 is adjusted downwards from 3 414 hectares (ha) to 3 054 ha as a result of the decrease in the number of accredited farms in the Mainland due to relocation and closure.
- (b) & (c) We have been showcasing the AFS to local farmers during our farm visits or through talks jointly organised with local vegetable marketing co-operatives. In the coming year, we shall continue with this approach. We anticipate that 8 local and Mainland farms involving 165 ha of farmland would join the AFS in the coming year. There may still be a net decrease in the total area of accredited farms as a result of the decrease in number of farms in the Mainland due to relocation and closure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)265**

**(Question Serial No. 4682)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (661) Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)

Programme: (-) Not specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation  
(Dr LEUNG Siu-fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the breakdown of the uses of the expenditure regarding the provision \$31.629 million under this Subhead in 2016-17;
- (b) the reason for a significant increase of 214.2% of the estimate for 2016-17 over that for 2015-16 under this Subhead.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 89)

Reply:

- (a) The breakdown of the expenditure under Subhead 661 - Plants, vehicles and equipment (block vote) for 2016-17 is as follows:

Items	Expenditure (\$ million)
(a) Replacement/procurement of various systems and equipment (e.g. LCD interactive systems, audio guide and audio-visual aid systems, signage systems, central control monitoring system, air conditioning system) for the Hong Kong Wetland Park	11.147
(b) Replacement/procurement of various systems and equipment (e.g. CCTV system, components of sewage screening plant and condensing water supply system, air conditioning system) for wholesale food markets	10.592

(c) Replacement/procurement of various systems, vehicles and equipment (e.g. boundary lighted buoys, terrestrial laser scanning system, fire tenders, concrete mixer, air conditioning system) for country and marine parks	5.679
(d) Replacement/procurement of various systems and equipment (e.g. laboratory, clinical and surgical equipment, dog kennel, veterinary inspection facilities) for the provision of animal disease testing, management and inspection services	4.211
Total	31.629

- (b) The estimate for 2016-17 under Subhead 661 is higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16 by 214.2%. This is mainly due to the updating of the ambit of this block vote subhead as set out in the Introduction to the Estimates and the increased requirements for the replacement of minor plant and equipment scheduled for 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)266**

**(Question Serial No. 4424)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the enforcement actions against shop front extensions, please advise on the number of prosecutions instituted in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 88)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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### Number of Prosecutions against Shop Front Extensions

<b>Calendar Year</b> <b>District</b>	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	422	660	780
Wan Chai	2 134	1 403	1 470
Eastern	2 952	2 841	1 657
Southern	714	633	593
Islands	21	28	30
Yau Tsim Mong	3 749	2 252	2 438
Sham Shui Po	1 720	2 307	2 156
Kowloon City	1 369	1 330	891
Wong Tai Sin	527	675	869
Kwun Tong	991	488	242
Kwai Tsing	608	417	338
Tsuen Wan	2 249	1 597	1 739
Tuen Mun	1 369	1 484	684
Yuen Long	3 770	3 738	2 878
North	196	189	328
Tai Po	2 169	1 185	755
Shatin	1 767	1 056	690
Sai Kung	169	211	166
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 896</b>	<b>22 494</b>	<b>18 704</b>

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)267****(Question Serial No. 7254)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

There are about 14 400 stalls let out in over 100 public markets and cooked food markets/centres under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. the annual rental income in each of the past three financial years; and
2. the operating costs of public markets and cooked food markets/centres in each of the past three financial years.

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 71)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Revenue from market rental (\$ million)</b>	<b>Expenditure on market management (\$ million)</b>
2013-14	411.4	648.7
2014-15	413.2	741.0
2015-16 (revised estimate)	421.1	738.1

The expenditure on market management mainly includes the provision of security, cleansing and pest control services as well as repair and maintenance of market facilities. We do not keep separate breakdown for the operating costs on cooked food markets and cooked food centres in public markets.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)268**

**(Question Serial No. 7186)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the efforts against illegal hawking of unlicensed hawkers in the vicinity of Langham Place in Mong Kok, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted against illegal hawking of unlicensed hawkers in 2015-16;
- (b) whether new measures will be put in place or additional manpower or resources be allocated to deal with illegal hawking; and
- (c) whether new measures will be put in place or additional manpower or resources be allocated to deal with illegal hawking during festive periods (e.g. Chinese New Year) when unlicensed hawkers are active.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

- (a) In 2015, there were 23 054 prosecutions against illegal hawking activities across the territory, including street obstruction, illegal hawking and sale of cooked food/restricted food. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep separate statistics on the number of warnings issued.
- (b) Being itinerant, unlicensed hawking is best deterred by mobile patrolling and raiding through strategic planning. In 2016-17, the Department will continue to do so through flexible deployment of its existing manpower resources. In addition, the Department's Hawker Control Team (HCT) staff will continue to regularly patrol blackspots to deter illegal hawking activities and to prevent unlicensed hawkers from taking root at these locations. If the hawkers persist in trading and do not disperse, arrest action would follow. To enhance deterrence, HCT staff also mount raiding

operations at blackspots to arrest unlicensed hawkers and seize their goods and equipment.

- (c) To deter the illegal activities of cooked food hawkers during festive periods, the Department will consider enhancing publicity at strategic locations through mounting of roadside banners and handing out notices in the run up to festive periods. The Department will take into account the actual situations on the ground and flexibly deploy existing manpower resources to tackle the illegal hawking problem during the festive periods.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)269**

**(Question Serial No. 7187)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of existing public toilets, the number of compartments in male and female toilets respectively, the number of bowl type urinals in male toilets, as well as the number of those to be provided in 2016-17, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department manages a total of 787 public toilets. The particulars of these public toilets are given at Annex. One new public toilet will be constructed at Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun in 2016-17, with two compartments and four bowl type urinals in the male toilet, and four compartments in the female toilet.

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### Particulars of Public Toilets

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Central and Western District					
Wa Hing Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Junction of Shing Wong Street & Wah Hing Lane	21	3	0	12
Gutzlaff Street Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Between Gutzlaff Street & Chuk Hing Lane	36	8	0	12
Murray Road Multi Storey Car-park Public Toilet	G/F of Murray Road Multi Storey Car-park	6	0	1	5
Star Ferry Multi Storey Car-park Public Toilet	Junction of Edingburgh Place & Connaught Road	3	5	0	7
Exchange Square Public Toilet	G/F of Exchange Square near Bus Terminus	3	6	0	4
Old Peak Road Public Toilet	Near Lamp Post No. 27566, Old Peak Road	1	1	0	2
Rumsey Street Multi Storey Car-park Public Toilet	G/F of Rumsey Street Multi Storey Car-park	5	0	1	3
Mee Lun Street Public Toilet	At side of No.6, Mee Lun Street	4	4	0	8
Wellington Street Public Toilet	Junction of Wellington Street & Queen’s Road Central	6	8	0	0
Jubilee Street Public Toilet	Junction of Jubilee Street & Queen’s Road Central	20	8	0	13
Queen’s Road Central Public Toilet	Queen’s Road Central, opposite to Bank Street	10	0	2	13
Ice House Street Public Toilet	Opposite Side of No.16 Ice House Street	4	0	1	5
Glenealy Public Toilet	Junction of Glenealy & Arbuthnot Road	2	0	1	2
Robinson Road Public Toilet	Junction of Robinson Road & Castle Road	2	2	0	0
Hong Kong Park Indoor Game Hall Public Toilet	At rear of Hong Kong Park Indoor Game Hall	3	5	0	4
Kennedy Road Public Toilet	Junction of Kennedy Road & Garden Road	2	3	0	2

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
MacDonnell Road Public Toilet	At side of No.48 MacDonnell Road	0	2	0	0
May Road Public Toilet	Junction of May Road & Chatham Path	2	2	0	2
Wing Wo Street Public Toilet	Opposite to 23-27, Wing Wo Street	8	0	2	9
Hatton Road Public Toilet	Junction of Hatton Road & Harlech Road	3	3	0	3
Lan Kwai Fong Public Toilet	Lower level below Lan Kwai Fong Sitting-out Area	4	7	0	11
Macau Ferry Bus Terminus Public Toilet	At side of Macau Ferry Bus Terminus	6	0	2	6
At Northern Frontage of Central Market Public Toilet	Central Market, Entrance facing Des Voeux Road Central	4	6	0	3
Man Yiu Street Public Toilet	Man Yiu Street Near No.7 Pier	3	0	1	5
Peak Tower Public Toilet	P2 Peak Tower	6	5	0	8
Man Fai Street Public Toilet	Junction of Man Fai Street & Man Kwong Street	3	5	0	5
Ladder Street Public Toilet	Ladder Street facing Lower Lascar Row, Western	6	0	1	7
Lok Ku Road Public Toilet	21-23 Lok Ku Road, Western	6	7	0	7
Hospital Road Public Toilet	FEHD Staff Quarter at Basement, Hospital Road, Western	2	4	0	3
Wing Lok Street Public Toilet	Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building, G/F, 345 Queen's Road Central, Western	5	5	0	4
In Ku Lane Public Toilet	8 In Ku Lane, Western	9	10	1	7
Mui Fong Street Public Toilet	Mui Fong Street Cooked Food Bazaar, Western	2	2	0	2
Kotewall Road Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 17 Kotewall Road, Western	2	0	1	1



Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Belcher's Street Public Toilet	Behind No.2-12 Belcher's Street, Western	4	4	0	6
Smithfield Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Smithfield Municipal Services Building, G/F, 12K Smithfield Road, Kennedy Town	4	5	0	6
Sai Ning Street Public Toilet	Junction of Victoria Road and Sai Ning Street, Western	4	0	1	2
Pound Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Junction of Pound Lane & Tai Ping Shan Street, Western	11	4	0	8
Water Street Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Junction of Water Street and Pok Fu Lam Road, Western	8	4	0	6
Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building, 470 Queen's Road West, Shek Tong Tsui	4	4	0	8
David Lane Temporary Public Toilet	David Lane, Sai Ying Pun	4	4	0	8
<b>Wan Chai District</b>					
Lin Fa Kung Public Toilet	Lily Street, Lin Fa Kung, Tai Hang	6	3	0	6
Bowen Road Public Toilet	Bowen Road near Wan Chai Gap Road	2	3	0	2
Sing Woo Road Public Toilet	Junction of Sing Woo Road and Yik Yam Street	6	6	0	6
Tai Hang Road Public Toilet	Junction of Tai Hang Road & Lai Tak Tsuen Road	4	5	0	6
Wan Chai Market Public Toilet	No. 258 Queen's Road East	4	2	1	6
Warren Street Public Toilet	Junction of Warren Street and Shepherd Street	6	6	0	8
Moreton Terrace Public Toilet	Tung Lo Wan Drive (At side of Bus Terminus)	2	4	0	4
Wong Nai Chung Road Public Toilet	Opposite to 95 Wong Nai Chung Road	3	6	0	4
Morrison Hill Road Public Toilet	Morrison Hill Road near Sports Road	5	5	0	5
Canal Road Public Toilet	Junction of Canal Road and Lockhart Road (next to Wan Chai Fire Station)	10	8	0	10

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Cross Lane Public Toilet	Junction of Cross Lane and Bullock Lane	6	6	0	12
Southorn Centre Public Toilet	G/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road	8	7	0	10
Kat On Street Public Toilet	Junction of Kat On Street and Kennedy Street	10	0	1	11
Expo Drive East Public Toilet	Expo Drive East (next to Golden Bauhinia Square)	5	8	0	10
Wan Chai North Temporary Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Adjacent to Bus Terminus at Wan Chai Ferry Concourse	2	5	0	4
Amoy Street Public Toilet	G/F., The Aveune Phase 2, 200 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai	6	7	0	12
<b>Eastern District</b>					
Ning Foo Street Public Toilet	Ning Foo Street near Bus Terminus	5	12	0	10
Kam Wa Street Public Toilet	Junction of Kam Wa Street and Wang Wa Street	7	6	0	7
A Kung Ngam Village Road Temporary Public Toilet	Junction of A Kung Ngam Village Road and Tung Wong Road	3	2	0	3
Nam On Street Public Toilet	No. 81 Nam On Street	4	6	0	4
Hoi Ning Street Public Toilet	Junction of Hoi Ning Street and Hing Man Street	8	6	0	8
Quarry Bay Market Public Toilet	No. 38 Quarry Bay Street	3	3	0	6
Pak Fuk Road Public Toilet	Junction of Pak Fuk Road and Healthy Street Central	3	4	0	6
Java Road Public Toilet	Java Road outside North Point Vehicular Ferry Pier	3	6	0	5
Tong Shui Road Public Toilet	Junction of Tong Shui Road and Chun Yeung Street	4	5	0	8
North Point Passenger Ferry Concourse (Shu Kuk Street) Public Toilet	No. 34 Shu Kuk Street	2	1	1	8

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Oil Street Public Toilet	At side of No. 3 Oil Street	3	3	0	2
Wing Hing Street Public Toilet	No. 15 Wing Hing Street	8	6	0	8
Hing Fat Street Public Toilet	Hing Fat Street near the Entrance of Victoria Park	12	0	2	12
Tung Hei Road Public Toilet and Bathhouse	No. 28 Tung Hei Road	3	1	1	6
Sheung On Street Public Toilet	Opposite to New World Bus Depot Sheung On Street	2	2	0	4
<b>Southern District</b>					
Pokfulam Road near Queen Mary Hospital Public Toilet	Pokfulam Road near Queen Mary Hospital	3	0	1	4
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block A	At side of No. 63 Pokfulam Village	2	2	0	3
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block B	At side of No. 44 Pokfulam Village	2	2	0	3
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block C	Opposite to No. 5R Pokfulam Village	1	3	0	2
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block D	Opposite to No. 128E Pokfulam Village	4	3	0	4
No.16 Aberdeen Main Road Public Toilet	No.16 Aberdeen Main Road, Aberdeen	10	8	0	10
Yip Fat Street Public Toilet	Near No.12 Yip Fat Street, Wong Chuk Hang	1	2	0	2
Repulse Bay Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Repulse Bay Road near Bus Terminus (opposite to No. 109 Repulse Bay Road)	3	4	0	3
Repulse Bay Beach Road Public Toilet	Repulse Bay Beach Road near Repulse Bay Car Park	3	4	0	6
Repulse Bay Public Toilet (near Life Saving Association)	Repulse Bay Beach Road near Life Saving Association	0	6	0	0
Repulse Bay Public Toilet (near No.16 Repulse Bay Beach Road)	Near No.16 Repulse Bay Beach Road	One toilet compartment is provided to serve both sexes			

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Middle Bay Public Toilet	South Bay Road near Middle Bay	2	3	0	3
South Bay Public Toilet	South Bay Road near South Bay	2	2	0	3
Stanley Link Road Public Toilet	Stanley Link Road near Stanley Main Beach	2	3	0	3
Stanley Tytam Village Public Toilet	Stanley Tytam Village near Hong Kong Sea School	2	1	0	2
Stanley Main Steet Public Toilet	Stanley Pak Kan Village near the beginning of Stanley Main Street	2	4	0	4
Shek O Village Public Toilet	Shek O Village near Shek O Drainage Services Department Plant	6	3	0	5
Wu Nam Street Public Toilet	Wu Nam Street near Aberdeen Bus Terminus	4	6	0	8
Apleichau Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Apleichau Municipal Services Building, No. 8 Hung Shing Street, Apleichau	4	9	0	7
Lee Lok Street Public Toilet	Junction of Lee Lok Street and Lee Wing Street, Apleichau	4	6	0	7
Shum Wan Road Public Toilet	Shum Wan Road near Marine Police Station	2	0	0	4
Stanley Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Stanley Municipal Services Building, Stanley Market Road	9	6	0	11
Stanley Waterfront Public Toilet	Stanley Waterfront	2	2	0	4
<b>Islands District</b>					
Chung Hing Back Street Public Toilet	Chung Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau	4	0	1	4
San Hing Back Street Public Toilet	San Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau	4	4	0	8
Pak She Street Public Toilet	Pak She Street, Cheung Chau	4	4	0	6
Peak Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Peak Road, Cheung Chau	7	4	0	6
Peak Road West Public Toilet	Peak Road West, Cheung Chau	2	2	0	2

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Yung Shue Wan Public Toilet	Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Yung Shue Wan, Lamma	4	3	0	4
Sok Kwu Wan Public Toilet	Sok Kwu Wan Ferry Pier, Lamma	4	3	0	4
Wing On Side Street Public Toilet	Wing On Side Street, Peng Chau	5	10	0	6
Ngong Ping Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Bus Terminus, Lantau	4	3	0	4
Tai O Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Tai O Bus Terminus, Tai O, Lantau	4	4	1	5
Shek Tsai Po Street Public Toilet	Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O, Lantau	5	3	0	7
Tai Ping Street Public Toilet	Tai Ping Street, Tai O, Lantau	2	0	1	2
Mui Wo Ferry Pier Public Toilet	Mui Wo Ferry Pier Road, Lantau	5	0	1	5
Shek Pik Public Toilet, Wang Pui Road	Shek Pik Wang Pui Road, Lantau	1	3	0	2
Ngong Ping Road Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Road, Lantau	7	9	0	15
Po Chu Tam Public Toilet	Po Chu Tam, Lantau	1	1	0	2
Pak Ngan Heung Public Toilet	Pak Ngan Heung, Lantau	1	1	0	2
Tai Tei Tong Public Toilet	Tai Tei Tong, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Round Table I Village Public Toilet	Round Table I Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	3
Self Help Care Village Public Toilet	Self Help Care Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	2
Round Table III Village Public Toilet	Round Table III Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	2
Tsan Tsuen Road Public Toilet	Tsan Tsuen Road Care Village, Cheung Chau	2	0	1	3
Ying Sin Leung Care Village Public Toilet	Ying Sin Leung Care Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	2

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Chung Hau Village Public Toilet	Chung Hau Village, Mui Wo	1	1	0	1
Tung Wan Tau Public Toilet	Tung Wan Tau Road, Mui Wo, Lantau	1	1	0	2
Law Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Law Uk Village, South Lantau	1	3	0	3
Tong Fuk Village Public Toilet (Lower)	Tong Fuk Village, South Lantau	1	2	0	2
Shui Hau Public Toilet	Shui Hau Village, South Lantau	1	1	0	2
Shek Mun Kap Public Toilet	Shek Mun Kap, Tung Chung	2	2	0	3
Lo Wai Village Public Toilet	Lo Wai Village, South Lantau	2	2	0	3
Ma Wan Chung Public Toilet	Ma Wan Chung, Tung Chung, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Lutheran Village I Public Toilet	Lutheran Village I, Cheung Chau	3	2	0	3
Tai Kwai Wan Public Toilet	Tai Kwai Wan, Cheung Chau	3	2	0	3
Wai Tsai Street Public Toilet	Wai Tsai Street, Peng Chau	2	3	0	2
San Tau Public Toilet	San Tau Village	2	3	0	3
Yung Shue Ha Public Toilet	Yung Shue Ha Lamma	2	3	0	3
Mo Tat Village Public Toilet	Mot Tat Village Lamma	2	2	0	2
Ngong Ping Camp Site Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Camp Site	2	3	0	3
Pak Mong Village Public Toilet	Pak Mong Village, Lantau	2	2	0	2
Shek Tsai Po Street Public Toilet	Near Ferry Pier, Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O, Lantau	2	2	0	2
Sheung Ling Pei Public Toilet	Sheung Ling Pei, Tung Chung	2	5	0	4
Tat Tung Road Public Toilet	Tat Tung Road, Tung Chung	3	4	0	5
Leung Uk Village Public Toilet	Leung Uk Village, Tai O, Lantau	1	2	0	2

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Tai Peng Public Toilet	Tai Peng Village, Lamma	2	2	0	2
Lo So Shing Village Public Toilet	Lo So Shing Village, Lamma	1	3	0	2
Sha Lo Wan Beach Public Toilet	Sha Lo Wan Beach, Tung Chung	2	2	0	3
Shap Long San Tsuen Public Toilet	Shap Long San Tsuen, Lantau	2	1	0	3
Ngong Ping Road Interchange Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Road Interchange, Ngong Ping, Lantau	5	8	0	10
Ham Tin San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ham Tin San Tsuen, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Tong Fuk Camp Site Public Toilet	Tong Fuk Camp Site, Lantau	2	3	0	3
Lower Cheung Sha Public Toilet	Lower Cheung Sha Village, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Tai Long Wan Village Public Toilet	Tai Long Wan Village, Lantau	2	3	0	3
Ngau Au Public Toilet	Ngau Au, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Choi Yuen Tsuen Public Toilet	Choi Yuen Tsuen, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Sham Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	Sham Shek Tsuen, Lantau	1	3	0	2
Ngau Kwu Long Public Toilet	Ngau Kwu Long, Lantau Island	1	2	0	2
Tung Chung Hau Wong Temple Public Toilet	Hau Wong Temple, Tung Chung	3	5	0	6
Pak Kok Village Public Toilet	Pak Kok Village, Lamma	1	1	0	2
Luk Chau Public Toilet	Luk Chau Village, Luk Chau Wan, Lamma Island	2	1	0	2
Lutheran Village II Public Toilet	Lutheran Village II, Cheung Chau	2	1	0	1
Nam Wan Sun Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Wan Sun Tsuen, Peng Chau	1	1	0	2
Shan Teng Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Wan Shan Teng Tsuen, Peng Chau	1	1	0	2

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Tung Chung Waterfront Promenade Public Toilet	Tung Chung Waterfront Road, Lantau	3	4	0	4
<b>Yau Tsim District</b>					
Shanghai Street / Waterloo Rd Public Toilet	Junction of Shanghai Street & Waterloo Road	4	0	1	6
Market Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	No. 1, Market Street	8	8	0	10
Yau Ma Tei Market Public Toilet	Yau Ma Tei Market, No. 20, Kansu Street	2	3	0	3
Gascoigne Road Public Toilet	At side of Astor Plaza, junction of Gascoigne Road and Nathan Road	6	4	0	10
Battery Street Public Toilet	No. 42, Battery Street	4	0	2	7
Parkes Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	No. 107, Parkes Street	12	0	2	15
Jordan Road Public Toilet	Inside King George V Park, Jordan.	9	10	0	9
Science Museum Road Public Toilet	Concordia Plaza, 1 Science Museum Rd.	7	7	0	8
Tsim Sha Tsui Ferry Concourse Public Toilet	Tsim Sha Tsui Ferry Concourse	3	5	0	4
Kimberley Road Urinal Toilet	At junction of Kimberley Road & Austin Avenue	0	4	0	0
Tsim Sha Tsui East Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Tsim Sha Tsui East (Mody Road) Bus Terminus	6	10	0	12
<b>Mong Kok District</b>					
Sai Yee Street Garden Public Toilet	Sai Yee Street Garden	10	10	0	12
Sai Yee Street Public Toilet	188 Sai Yee Street	8	16	0	12
Luen Wan Road Public Toilet	Side of FEHD Kowloon Depot, Luen Wan Road	3	4	0	3



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Mong Kok Road Public Toilet	661B Shanghai Street, junction of Shanghai Street and Mong Kok Road	7	10	2	14
Pok Man Street Public Toilet	1 Sham Mong Road, Olympic Station	5	9	0	9
Portland Street Public Toilet	193 Portland Street	4	12	0	8
Nelson Street Public Toilet	1024 Canton Road	12	12	0	14
Anchor Street Playground Public Toilet	Anchor Street Playground	4	7	0	8
Larch Street Public Toilet	105 Larch Street	6	8	0	6
<b>Sham Shui Po District</b>					
Lai Chi Kok Government Offices Public Toilet	19 Lai Wan Road	4	5	0	4
Mei Foo Sun Chuen Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Mei Foo Sun Chuen Bus Terminus	2	3	0	5
Cheung Shun Street Public Toilet	At side of No.22 Chueng Shun Street	4	9	0	8
Tonkin Street Public Toilet	Junction of Tonkin Street & Un Chau Street	6	7	0	9
Yen Chow Street Public Toilet	Junction of Yen Chow Street & Un Chau Street	6	8	0	9
Apliu Street Public Toilet	Junction of Apliu Street & Kweilin Street	12	31	0	12
Sai Chuen Road Public Toilet	Junction of Sai Chuen Road & Yen Chow Street	4	6	0	8
Tai Nan Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Junction of Tai Nan Street & Boundary Street	10	0	2	12
Nam Cheong Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Junction of Nam Cheong Street & Un Chau Street	10	16	0	14
Yee Kuk Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	555 Yee Kuk Street	4	4	0	4

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Kowloon City District					
Dyer Avenue Public Toilet	No. 1, Dyer Avenue	8	7	0	10
Ma Tau Kok Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	No. 180, Kowloon City Road	7	7	0	7
Kowloon City Road Public Toilet	No. 3, Kowloon City Road	6	14	0	12
San Ma Tau Street Public Toilet	No. 30, San Ma Tau Street	7	5	0	4
Gillies Avenue South Public Toilet	Junction of Gillies Avenue South and Station Lane	3	6	0	6
Baker Street Public Toilet	No.65, Baker Street	7	8	0	14
Hok Yuen Street Public Toilet	No.12A, Hok Yuen Street	4	7	0	8
New Hung Hom Ferry Pier Public Toilet	New Hung Hom Ferry Pier	5	5	0	5
Hung Hom Complex Public Toilet	Hung Hom Complex, 11 Ma Tai Wai Road	3	5	0	6
Shek Ku Lung Road Public Toilet	Junction of Shek Ku Lung Road and Carpenter Road	10	12	0	8
Tung Tsing Road Public Toilet	Tung Tsing Road at side of Carpenter Road Park	10	8	0	10
Lung Kong Road Public Toilet	No. 30-32, Lung Kong Road	5	8	0	10
Pui Ching Road Public Toilet	No. 5, Pui Ching Road	5	5	0	5
Kowloon City Complex Public Toilet	Kowloon City Complex, Hau Wong Road	5	12	2	10
Kowloon Tong Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong	3	5	0	6
Shing Fung Road Temporary Public Toilet	Shing Fung Road, Kai Tak Development Area, Kowloon City	3	4	0	6

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Wong Tai Sin District					
Hong Keung Street Public Toilet	Junction of Shung Ling Street & Hong Keung Street, San Po Kong	4	7	0	8
Ngau Chi Wan Village Public Toilet	No. 1 Lung Chi Path, Ngau Chi Wan	4	4	0	8
Lok Fu Public Toilet	Junction of Junction Road & Tung Tau Tsuen Road	7	6	0	9
Nga Tsin Wai Village Public Toilet	Tung Kwong Road, outside Nga Tsin Wai Village	2	0	1	4
Choi Hung Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Choi Hung Road Bus Terminal (opposite to Choi Hung Estate)	5	4	0	10
Sheung Yuen Street Public Toilet	G/F, Plaza Hollywood, Sheung Yuen Street	4	5	0	9
Kwun Tong District					
Chun Wah Road Public Toilet	At Chun Wah Road Bus Terminus, Ngau Tau Kok	3	5	0	5
Shung Yan Street Public Toilet	At side of No. 39, Shung Yan Street Kwun Tong	3	4	0	6
Lai Yip Street Public Toilet	At junction of Lai Yip Street & Wai Yip Street	4	6	0	6
Kei Yip Street Public Toilet	Near Kwun Tong Ferry Pier Bus Terminus at Kei Yip Lane, Kwun Tong	7	7	0	13
Hip Wo Street Interim Public Toilet	At side of Hip Wo Street Public Light Bus Terminus, Kwun Tong	5	7	0	10
Kwun Tong Road Public Toilet	At Kwun Tong Road Bus Terminus	5	3	0	5
Lei Yue Mun (Ling Nam Sun Tsuen) Public Toilet	At Lei Yue Mun Path Lei Yue Mun	4	8	0	7
Cha Kwo Ling Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At side of No.90 Cha Kwo Ling Main Street	10	4	0	10
Ngau Tau Kok Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At No.1 Ting Fu Street Ngau Tau Kok	5	6	0	6

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Lei Yue Mun Ma Wan Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At entrance of Ma Wan Village Lei Yue Mun	8	6	0	9
<b>Kwai Tsing District</b>					
Kwai Shun Street Public Toilet	Kwai Shun Street near Kwai Shun Cooked food Market	6	0	1	9
Cheung Tat Road Public Toilet	Near no.28 Cheung Tat Road	2	0	1	3
Cheung Ching Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Cheung Ching Bus Terminus	6	0	1	9
Cheung Fai Road Public Toilet	Near Cheung Fai Road Promenade	6	4	0	9
Tsing Yi New Ferry Terminus Public Toilet	Tsing Yi New Ferry Terminus	5	3	0	6
Tam Kon Shan Road (1) Public Toilet	Tam Kon Shan Road near lamp post no. FB0659	2	2	0	3
Tam Kon Shan Road (2) Public Toilet	Next to No. 89 Tam Kon Shan Road	2	2	0	3
Tai Yuen Street Public Toilet	Tai Yuen Street near Kwok Shui Road	3	0	1	3
Tai Lin Pai Road Public Toilet	Tai Lin Pai Road near Kung Yip Street	4	0	1	5
San Kwai Street Public Toilet	San Kwai Street near Training Centre Complex	3	4	0	4
Ta Chuen Ping Street Public Toilet	Ta Chuen Ping Street near Carpark	5	8	0	9
Kwai Hing Station Public Toilet	Near Kwai Hing Government Building	10	9	0	13
Kwai Fong Station Public Toilet	New Kwai Fong Garden	10	0	1	15
Lantau Link Viewing Platform Public Toilet	Lantau Link View Point Car Park, Tsing Yi (Temporary Government Land Allocation No. TKT 1701)	6	8	0	12
Cheung Yuen Road Public Toilet	Cheung Yuen Road, Kwai Chung	1	3	0	2

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Luthern Village Public Toilet	Lutheran Village, Sheung Ko Tau Street, Tsing Yi	1	2	0	2
Sheung Yat Tsuen, Kwai Chung Public Toilet	Sheung Yat Tsuen, Kwai Chung	2	3	0	3
Liu To Village Public Toilet	Liu To Village, Tsing Yi	1	1	0	2
Shing Mun Road Public Toilet	Shing Mun Road, Kwai Chung	1	3	0	2
<b>Tsuen Wan District</b>					
Yi Pei Chun Village Public Toilet	Near no.34 Yi Pei Chun village, Tsuen Wan	1	1	1	2
Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building Public Toilet	G/F., Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building, Sai Lau Kok Road, Tsuen Wan	5	7	0	10
Sham Tseng Public Toilet	Sham Tseng Tsuen Road, Sham Tseng	2	4	0	5
Lo Wai Village Public Toilet	Lo Wai, Tsuen Wan	2	3	0	2
Wang Lung Street Public Toilet	Side of Wang Lung Street Cooked Food Stall, Wang Lung Street	8	12	0	9
Heung Che Street Public Toilet	At Side of Heung Che Street Market, Tso Kung Square, Tsuen Wan	3	3	1	4
Tak Wah Park Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 67-95, Tsuen Wan Market Street, Tsuen Wan	7	12	0	11
Chai Wan Kok Public Toilet	Junction of Chai Wan Kok Street and Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan	4	5	0	4
Pak Tin Pa San Tsuen Public Toilet	Pak Tin Pa San Tsuen, Tsuen Wan	2	3	0	3
Castle Peak Road (13.5 Milestone) Public Toilet	Castle Peak Road (13 Milestone)	1	2	1	2
Tai Ho Road Public Toilet	Opposite to entrance of Tsuen Wan West Rail Station, Tai Hoi Road, Tsuen Wan	8	0	1	12
Shing Mun Road Public Toilet	Shing Mun Road, Tsuen Wan	2	3	0	3

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Sunny Bay Public Toilet	Sunny Bay Public Transport Interchange	2	3	0	3
Fu Yung Shan San Tsuen Public Toilet	Fu Yung Shan San Tsuen	3	2	0	3
Tsing Lung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Tun Village, Tsing Lung Tau, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	2
Pai Min Kok Tsuen Public Toilet	Pai Min Kok Village, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	2
Chuen Lung Village Public Toilet	Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	3
Wo Yi Hop Village Public Toilet	Wo Yi Hop Village, Tsuen Wan	1	3	0	2
Hon Man Upper Village Public Toilet	Hon Man Upper Village, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	2
Lo Wai Road Public Toilet	Lo Wai Road, Tsuen Wan	3	3	0	7
Sam Dip Tam Tsuen Public Toilet	Sam Dip Tam, Lo Wai Road, Tsuen Wan	1	1	0	1
Ting Kau Village Public Toilet	Ting Kau, Tsuen Wan	1	2	0	2
Kwong Pan Tin Village Public Toilet	Kwong Pan Ting San Tsuen, Route Twisk, Tsuen Wan	1	3	0	2
Hong Man Lower Village Public Toilet	Hon Man Lower Village, Tsuen Wan	1	3	0	2
Sheung Kwai Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Sheung Kwai Chung Tsuen, Tsuen Wan, NT	1	2	0	2
Fu Yung Shan Yiu Tai Public Toilet	Fu Yung Shan Road, Tsuen Wan, NT	1	2	0	2
Lung Yue Road Public Toilet	Near Yuen Tun Village, Lung Yue Road, Tsing Lung Tau	2	2	0	4
Sham Tseng Commercial Village Public Toilet	Sham Tseng Commercial New Village, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	2
Kwong Pan Tin Village (Section II) Public Toilet	Kwong Pan Tin San Tsuen, Route Twisk, Tsuen Wan, NT	2	2	0	4
Tsing Fai Tong New Village Public Toilet	Tsing Fai Tong New Village, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	1

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Sham Tseng Shu On Terrace Public Toilet	Shu On Terrace, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	1
Sham Tseng East Village Public Toilet	Sham Tseng East Village, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	1
<b>Tuen Mun District</b>					
Kin Fung Circuit Public Toilet	Kin Fung Circuit, Tuen Mun (near Ho Tin LRT station)	4	0	1	6
Hung Cheung Road Public Toilet	Hung Cheung Road, Tuen Mun (at side of public car park)	4	8	0	4
Tuen Mun Ferry Pier Public Toilet	Tuen Mun Ferry Pier, Tuen Mun	4	5	0	8
Tseng Tau Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tseng Tau Chung Tsuen, Tuen Mun	2	4	0	4
Kin Lung Street Public Toilet	Kin Lung Street, Tuen Mun (near Shek Pai Tau Playground)	3	6	0	6
Tsing Yeung Circuit Public Toilet	Tsing Yeung Circuit, Tuen Mun (at side of public car park)	5	10	0	8
Yeung Siu Hang Public Toilet	Yeung King Road, Tuen Mun (at side of Wealthy Villa)	1	1	0	1
Chung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Chung Uk Tsuen	3	3	0	3
Tsing Chuen Wai Public Toilet	Tsing Chuen Wai	3	3	0	3
San Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	San Hing Tsuen	2	3	0	3
Tuen Tsz Wai Public Toilet	Tuen Tsz Wai	2	3	0	2
Tuen Tsz Wai Lam Tei Vegetable Market Office Public Toilet	Tuen Tsz Wai near Lam Tei Vegetable Market Office	2	3	0	3
San Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	San Hing Tsuen, Chung Shan	2	2	0	3
Kwong Shan Tsuen Public Toilet	Kwong Shan Tsuen	1	2	0	2
Pak Kok Tsuen Public Toilet	Pak Kok Tsuen	1	3	0	2
Tin Tei Yan Road Public Toilet	Tin Tei Yan Road	1	3	0	2

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Siu Lam San Tsuen Public Toilet	Siu Lam San Tsuen	1	2	0	2
Tsz Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsz Tin Tsuen, at side of Refuse Collection Point	1	3	0	2
So Kwun Wat Lee Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lee Uk Tsuen, So Kwun Wat	1	2	0	2
Kei Lun Wai Public Toilet	Kei Lun Wai	1	3	0	2
Lam Tei Market Public Toilet	Lam Tei Market	2	3	0	3
To Yuen Wai Public Toilet	To Yuen Wai	2	2	0	3
Wu Shan Road Public Toilet	Wu Shan Road	4	5	0	8
Tin Sum San Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Sum San Tsuen	2	3	0	4
Lung Kwu Tan Pak Long Public Toilet	Pak Long, Lung Kwu Tan	1	3	0	2
Nai Wai Public Toilet	Nai Wai at side of Refuse Collection Point	2	2	0	3
So Kwun Wat Ching Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Ching Uk Tsuen, So Kwun Wat	1	3	0	2
Nai Wai Public Toilet	Nai Wai near playground	2	2	0	3
Yip Wong Road Public Toilet	Yip Wong Road	1	3	0	2
Shan Shek Wan Public Toilet	Shan Shek Wan Resite Area, Phase 1	1	1	0	2
Wo Ping San Tsuen Public Toilet	Siu Tong Raod, Wo Ping San Tsuen	2	1	0	3
Tai Lam Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Lam Chung Tsuen	1	1	0	2
Wu Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wu Uk Tsuen, Tai Lam	1	1	0	1
So Kwun Wat Chan Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Chan Uk Tsuen, So Kwun Wat	1	2	0	2
Sun Fung Wai Public Toilet	Sun Fung Wai	2	1	0	2



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Chung Wong Toi Public Toilet	Chung Wong Toi	1	2	0	2
Po Tong Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Po Tong Ha Tsuen	1	1	0	2
Luen On San Tsuen Public Toilet	Luen On San Tsuen	1	2	0	2
Tin Hau Road Public Toilet	Tin Hau Road near Tin Hau Temple	3	4	0	6
Tin Hau Temple Plaza Public Toilet	Tin Hau Temple Plaza, Tin Hau Road	2	3	0	4
<b>Yuen Long District</b>					
Fung Cheung Road Public Toilet	Fung Cheung Road (near Fung Kwan Street Indoor Recreation Centre), Yuen Long	3	4	0	5
Hong King Street Public Toilet	Hong King Street (next to minibus station) Yuen Long	3	6	0	6
Kam Tin Bor Tei Public Toilet	Kam Tin Bor Tei Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	3	0	5	5
Kam Tin Market Public Toilet	Kam Tin Shing Mun San Tsuen (Next To Kam Tin Market), Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	3	0	6	7
Kuk Ting Street Public Toilet	Kuk Ting Street Yuen Long	8	7	0	11
Light Rail Transit Terminus Public Toilet	Long Lok Road (Near Sun Yuen Long Centre), Yuen Long	9	0	1	9
Lo Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lo Uk Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	4	0	1	5
Lok Ma Chau Control Point (South) Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Control Point (South)	5	2	0	5
Lok Ma Chau Control Point (North) Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Control Point (North)	5	2	0	5
Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange	2	2	0	3

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Lok Ma Chau Lookout Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau (Lookout)	3	0	1	4
Ping Shan Sun Tsuen Public Toilet	Ping Shan San Tsuen, Ping Yeung Lane, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	5	0	1	6
San Tin Public Toilet	Castle Peak Road, San Tin Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Tai Kiu Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Kiu, Tai Kiu Road, Yuen Long	2	0	1	3
Tan Kwai Tsuen Road Public Toilet	Tan Kwai Tsuen Road Garden, Tan Kwai Tsuen Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	2	0	1	3
Sik Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Sik Kong Tsuen, Ha Mei Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	4	0	1	5
Wang Yip Street Public Toilet	Tung Tau Industrial Area, Wang Yip Street East, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Yuen Long West Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Kik Yeung Road (next to Bus Terminus)Yuen Long	4	3	0	8
Chuk Hang Tsuen Public Toilet	Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung (near Chuk Hang Tsuen village entrance)Yuen Long	3	3	0	4
Lau Fau Shan Roundabout Public Toilet	Lau Fau Shan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	3	4	0	6
Ha Mei San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ha Mei San Tsuen, Ha Mei San Tsuen Road, Yuen Long	4	0	1	4
Wang Yip Street South Public Toilet	Tung Tau Industrial Area, Wang Yip Street South, Yuen Long	2	0	1	3
San Tin Wing Ping Tsuen Public Toilet	Wing Ping Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	5	0	1	5
Wang Toi Shan Wing Ning Lee Public Toilet	Wang Toi Shan Wing Ning Lei, Wang Toi Shan Shan Tsuen Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	5	0	1	5
Kam Sheung Road Public Toilet	Kam Sheung Road Public Transport Interchange Tung Wui Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Hung Shui Kiu Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Tin Sam Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	14	0	1	8
Tai Tong Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Sai Ching Street (near Manhattan Plaza), Yuen Long	5	4	0	10
Shan Pui Tsuen Public Toilet	Shan Pui, Shan Pui Road, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Fan Tin Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Fan Tin Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long	3	0	1	3
Hang Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Hang Mei Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	3	5	0	7
Nam Bin Wai Public Toilet	Nam Bin Wai Yuen Long Kau Hui Road, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Shap Pat Heung Choi Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Choi Uk Tsuen, Long Yat Road, Yuen Long	3	2	0	3
To Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Hing West Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	4	3	0	4
Pok Wai Tsuen Public Toilet	Pok Wai, Pok Wai Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Sheung Tsuen Koo Miu Public Toilet	Sheung Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Yuen Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Kong, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Tsang Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsang Uk Tsuen, Sheung Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Small Traders New Village (2) Public Toilet	Small Traders New Village, Siu Sheung Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Tin Liu Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Liu Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Pak Sha Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Pak Sha Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Wang Toi Shan (Behind School) Public Toilet	Wang Toi Shan, Pat Heung, Yuen Long (Next To Wang Toi Shan School)	2	2	0	2

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		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Lam Hau Pok Public Toilet	Lam Hau Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Yuen Long, Nt (Near Block 6, Scenic Gardens)	3	2	0	3
Tan Kwai Tsuen (Ying Yin School) Public Toilet	Tan Kwai Tsuen, Tan Kwai Tsuen Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long (Near Ying Yin School)	2	2	0	3
Yeung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Chau Yeung Uk Tsuen, Fuk Hi Street, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Chung Hau Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Shan Pui Chung Hau Tsuen, Shan Pui Ho East Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Mai Po Lung Public Toilet	Mai Po Lung Tsuen, Shek Wu Wai Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Ying Lung Wai Public Toilet	Ying Lung Wai, Long Wo Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Lo Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Toi Shan Lo Uk Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Pat Heung Sheung Tsuen Public Toilet	Lam Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Lau Fau Shan Sha Kiu Tsuen Sheung Wan Public Toilet	Sha Kiu Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Lau Fau Shan Sheung Pak Nai Ap Tsai Hang Public Toilet	Ngau Hom Shek, Nim Wan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Tung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Tung Tau Tsuen, Long Yat Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Sheung Cheung Wai Public Toilet	Sheung Cheung Wai, Ping Ha Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Tai Wai Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Wai Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Mai Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Mai Po San Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Mai Po, Mai Po, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Shi Public Toilet	Kam Tin Shi, Kam Tin Road Kam Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3

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Tze Tong Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsz Tong Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	3	3	0	4
Tai Sang Wai (3) Public Toilet	Tai Sang Wai, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Wong Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wong Uk Tsuen, Long Wo Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tsing Lung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsing Lung Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kau Nam Street Public Toilet	Kau Nam Street, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	2
Shui Bin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Pin Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	4
Pak Hok Chau Public Toilet	Tam Kon Chau, Tam Kon Chau Road, Mai Po, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	San Sham Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	3	7	0	6
San Wai Public Toilet	San Wai, San Sik Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	3	2	0	4
Tai Tseng Wai Public Toilet	Tai Tseng Wai, Fuk Shun Street, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Ping Shan Hung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Hung Uk Tsuen, Kiu Hung Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	3	2	0	5
Ping Shan Tong Fong Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Fong Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Ngau Hom Tsuen Public Toilet	Ngau Hom, Man Tak Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Lau Fau Shan Pak Nai near Vegetable Market Office Public Toilet	Pak Nai, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Tai Shu Ha Public Toilet	Tai Shu Ha Road West, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Tai Shu Ha Road West Shung Ching San Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Shu Ha Road West, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
San Wai (Sze Wang Study Hall) Public Toilet	San Wai, San Sik Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3

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Kam Tin Shui Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Mei, Kam Tin, Kam Tin Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Fung Kut Heung Public Toilet	Fung Kat Heung, Fung Kat Heung Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Shek Wu Wai Public Toilet	Shek Wu Wai, Shek Wu Wai Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Ping Shan Fung Chi Tsuen Public Toilet	Fung Chi Tsuen, Wang Tat Road, Yuen Long	2	3	0	2
Lam Hau Tsuen Public Toilet	Lam Hau Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	3	3	0	4
Pat Heung Tin Sum Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Sam Tsuen, Kam Po Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tai Tong Road Nam Hang Pai Public Toilet	Hung Tso Tin Tsuen, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	3	0	2
Lau Fau Shan Sheung Pak Nai Sha Kong Miu Public Toilet	Sha Kong Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Pat Heung Sheung Tsuen Wing Hing Wai Public Toilet	Chung Sum Tsuen, Sheung Tsuen, Nam Hing West Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Kam Hing Wai North Public Toilet	Kam Hing Wai, Chi Ho Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	2	1	0	2
Kam Tin Kat Hing Wai Public Toilet	Kat Hing Wai, Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ha Tsuen Tseung Kong Wai Public Toilet	Ha Tsuen Tseung Kong Wai Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Pau Wai, Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Sik Kong Wai, Sik Kong Wai Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Fan Tin Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Fan Tin Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Lin Fa Tei Public Toilet	Lin Fa Tei, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Shan Ha Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Shan Ha Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2

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Kam Tsin Wai Public Toilet	Kam Tsin Wai, Kam Shui Road, Pat Heung Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Ko Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Ko Po Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Tai Hong Wai Public Toilet	Tai Hong Wai, Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Ha Pak Nai Tsuen, Lau Fau Shan	Ha Pak Nai, Nim Wan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Tung Tau Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Lau Fau Shan San Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	San Hing Tsuen, Lau Fau Shan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Tai Tong Kuk Public Toilet	Tai Tong Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Sik Kong Wai Public Toilet	Sik Kong Wai, Ha Mei Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Fui Sha Wai Public Toilet	Fui Sha Wai, Castle Peak Road Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Hung Tso Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Hung Tso Tin Tsuen, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ma Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Tin Tsuen, Ma Tin Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	3	4	0	5
Ngau Keng Tsuen Public Toilet	Ngau Keng, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Fuk Hing Lane, San Tin Public Toilet	San Tam Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Pun Uk Tsuen, San Tin Public Toilet	Pun Uk Tsuen, Lok Ma Chau Road, Lok Ma Chau, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Lok Ma Chau Tsuen, San Tin Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Road, Lok Ma Chau, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Wah Shing Tsuen, Kam Tin Public Toilet	Wah Shing Tsuen, San Tam Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Mong Tseng Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Mong Tseng Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2

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Tai Tong Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Tong Tsuen, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Sha Kiu Ha Wan Public Toilet	Sha Kiu Tsuen, Deep Bay Road Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Nam Hang Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Hang Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ng Ka Tsuen (inside) Public Toilet	Ng Ka Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
San Lung Wai Public Toilet	San Lung Wai, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Hong Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Hong Mei Tsuen, Ha Mei Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	1	0	3
Tin Shui Wai Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Tin Yan Road, Tin Shui Wai	4	5	0	6
Hang Hau Tsuen Public Toilet	Hang Hau Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Shui Chan Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Tsan Tin, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Yan Shau Wai Public Toilet	Yan Shau Wai, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ha Che East Public Toilet	Ha Che Tsuen, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
San Lee Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	San Lee Uk Tsuen, Tin Ha Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Shui Tsiu Lo Wai Public Toilet	Shui Tsiu Lo Wai, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Tai Sang Wai (2) Public Toilet	Tai Sang Wai, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Chung Sum Tsuen (Shek Tau Wai) Public Toilet	Shek Tau Wai, Sheung Tsuen, Nam Hing East Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Chuk Yuen Tsuen Public Toilet	Chuk Yuen Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Tam Mi, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2



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Wing Ning Tsuen Public Toilet	Wing Ning Tsuen, Yung Yuen Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Shan Ha Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Shan Ha Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Shui Kan Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Kan Shek, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Yeung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Yeung Uk Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Yuen Long, Au Tau, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Tin Sam Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Sam, Tin Ha Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Ha Che West Public Toilet	Ha Che Tsuen, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Kam Hing Wai Public Toilet	Kam Hing Wai, Chi Ho Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Pak Nai Public Toilet	Sheung Pak Nai, Nim Wan Road, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ma Tin Pok Public Toilet	Ma Tin Pok, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Ng Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Ng Uk Tsuen, Fuk Shun Street, Wang Chau, Yuen Long	2	1	0	3
Chung Pak Nai (1) Public Toilet	Nim Wan Road (Near Ha Pak Nai), Lau Fau Shan	1	2	0	2
Ngau Tam Mei East Public Toilet	Ngau Tam Mei Road, Ngau Tam Mei, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Shing Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Shing Uk Tsuen, Fuk Shun Street, Wang Chau, Yuen Long	2	1	0	2
Muk Kiu Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Muk Kiu Tau Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Sha Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Sha Po Tsuen, Sha Po Tsuen Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Sai Pin Wai (1) Public Toilet	Sai Pin Wai, Sai Kai Road, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Tai Sang Wai (1) Public Toilet	Tai Sang Wai, Yuen Long	2	1	0	3
Chung Pak Nai (2) Public Toilet	Ngau Hom Shek, Sheung Pak Nai, Nim Wan Road Lau Fau Shan Yuen Long	1	2	0	2

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Shui Lau Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Lau Tin, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Shek Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Shek Po Tsuen, Shek Po Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Mei Po Lung Tsuen Public Toilet	Mai Po Lung Tsuen, Mai Po Lung Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Fuk Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Chau, Fuk Hing Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Kiu Tau Wai Public Toilet	Kiu Tau Wai, Kiu Hung Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	1	0	2
Lai Sau Tsuen Public Toilet	Fraser Village, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Sheung Che Tsuen Public Toilet	Sheung Che, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Wong Nai Tun (1) Public Toilet	Wong Nai Tun Tsuen, Shui Tsiu San Tsuen Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Fung Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Fung Kong Tsuen, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Fu Tso Tsuen Public Toilet	Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Tong Tau Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Tau Po Tsuen, Tai Shu Ha Road East, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ku Miu Cheung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Cheung Uk Tsuen, Sheung Tsuen, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Lai Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lai Uk Tsuen, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
San Sang Tsuen Public Toilet	San Sang Tsuen, Tin Ha Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	1	0	4
Ha Tsuen Shi Public Toilet	Ha Tsuen Shi, Tin Ha Road (near Vegetable Marketing Organization), Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	1	0	4
Sha Kiu Sheung Wan Public Toilet	Sha Kiu Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Pang Ka Tsuen Public Toilet	Pang Ka Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2

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Ng Ka Tsuen Public Toilet	Ng Ka Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Ki Lun Shan Public Toilet	Ki Lun Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Shui Chiu San Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Tsiu San Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Yuen Kong San Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Kong San Tsuen, Pat Heung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Wong Nai Tun (2) Public Toilet	Wong Nai Tun Tsuen, Shui Tsiu San Tsuen Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Siu Hom Tsuen Public Toilet	Siu Hum Tsuen, Ka Lung Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Wai Chai Tsuen Public Toilet	Wai Tsai, Ngau Tam Mei Road, Ngau Tam Mei, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Pak Sha Tsuen (3) Public Toilet	Pak Sha Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Mong Tseng Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Mong Tseng Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Nga Yiu Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Nga Yiu Tau, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Chau Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Chau Tau, Chau Tau West Road, Lok Ma Chau, Yuen Long	2	2	0	4
Tai Kei Leng Public Toilet	Tai Kei Leng, Tai Shu Ha Road East, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Po Quar Ling Public Toilet	San Lee Uk Tsuen, Tin Ha Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
To Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	To Uk Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Ha Wan Tsuen Public Toilet	Ha Wan Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Small Traders New Village (1) Public Toilet	Siu Sheung San Tsuen, Tin Shing Wai, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2

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		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Pak Sha Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Pak Sha Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Public Toilet at Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (I)	Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (I)	3	6	0	1* (*In shared use as an Accessible Unisex Toilet)
Public Toilet at Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (II)	Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (II)	3	6	0	1* (*In shared use as an Accessible Unisex Toilet)
Cheung Po Tsuen	Cheung Po Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Sham Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Sham Chung Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Sai Pin Wai (2) Public Toilet	Sai Pin Wai, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Chung Hau Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Chung Hau Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Shan Pui Tsuen Public Toilet	Shan Pui Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Mong Tseng Wai Public Toilet	Mong Tseng Wai, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Tung Tau Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	2	0	4
<b>North District</b>					
Kai Leng Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Kai Leng Playground, Kai Leng Tsuen	3	2	0	2
Sheung Shui Tung Hing Road Public Toilet	Inside Sheung Shui Heung Sitting-out Area No.9	3	3	0	4
Sheung Shui Tung Hing Road Carpark Public Toilet	Sheung Shui Tung Hing Road Carpark	3	3	0	4
So Kwun Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Junction of San Wan Road & Chi Cheong Road, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Fan Leng Lau Public Toilet	At side of Fanling Lau Garden, Fanling Lau Road, Fanling	1	2	0	1

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		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Shung Him Tong Public Toilet	Entrance to Shung Him Tong Tsuen, Fanling	3	4	0	4
Sheung Shui Wai Wai Noi Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Sheung Shui Heung Rural Area Committee, Wai Noi Tsuen, Sheung Shui Wai	4	2	0	6
Sheung Shui Wai Po Sheung Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Sheung Shui Heung Playground, Po Sheung Tsuen, Sheung Shui Wai	3	5	0	6
Fanling Wai Public Toilet	At side of Fanling Wai Playground, Fanling Wai	4	3	0	5
Shek Tsai Ling Public Toilet	Ho Sheung Heung Road near Bor Lau Road, Sheung Shui	2	0	1	3
Fanling Wai (South) Public Toilet	San Wan Raod in front of Nam Hing Tong, Fanling Wai (South)	3	4	0	4
On Lok Tsuen Temporary Wholesale Market Public Toilet	At side of On Lok Tsuen Temporary Wholesale Market, Fanling	3	3	0	4
Wo Hop Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of carpark at Wo Hing Road, opposite to Wo Hop Shek San Tsuen, Fanling	3	4	0	4
Wo Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	Carpark at side of Wo Hing Tsuen, Fanling	3	2	0	4
Fanling Station Road Public Toilet	At side of Fanling Station Sitting-Out Area	3	3	0	5
Ping Yeung Old Village Public Toilet	Ping Yeung Sitting-Out Area, Ping Yeung Old Village, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Lung Wan Street Public Toilet	Near Landmark North Bus Terminus, Lung Wan Street, Sheung Shui	3	5	0	6
San Shing Avenue Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At junction of San Shing Avenue and Fu Hing Street, Sheung Shui	5	9	0	8
Luen Cheong Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Luen Cheong Street, Fanling	5	11	0	10
Che Ping Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	In front of Sha Tau Kok Market, Che Ping Street, Sha Tau Kok	5	9	0	8

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Fung Wong Wu Public Toilet	Fung Wong Wu, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	1	2
Hang Tau Luen On Bridge Public Toilet	Hang Tau Luen On Bridge, Sheung Shui	3	2	0	3
Luk Keng Public Toilet	Luk Keng Road, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	3
Wu Kau Tan Public Toilet	Wu Kau Tan, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	3
Lo Wai Public Toilet	Lo Wai, Fanling	2	2	0	3
Nam Chung Public Toilet	At side of Nam Chung Children Playground, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	3
Ma Wat Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Wat Tsuen, Fanling	2	2	0	2
Kat O Island Public Toilet	At side of Kai To Pier, Kat O Island, Sha Tau Kok	6	6	0	8
Lai Chi Wo Public Toilet	Lai Chi Wo, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	3
Yin Kong (1) Public Toilet	At side of basketball court, Yin Kong Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	2
Tze Tong Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of letter boxes of Tze Tong Tsuen, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Ho Sheung Heung (2) Public Toilet	Opposite to Ho Kai School, Ho Sheung Heung, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Ho Ka Yuen Public Toilet	Ho Ka Yuen, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Kan Lung Wai Public Toilet	Kan Lung Wai, Lung Yeuk Tau, Fanling	2	2	0	2
Yin Kong (2) Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 6, Lane 1, Yin Kong Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Ying Pun Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 44-64, Ying Pun San Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	2
Ap Chau Public Toilet	Pier at Ap Chau, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Liu Pok Tsuen (North) Public Toilet	Entrance to Liu Pok Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	2
Sheung Shui Wai Sheung Pak Tsuen Public Toilet	Rear of Tsuen Tsoi Kui, Sheung Shui Wai Sheung Pak Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3

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Tam Shui Hang Village Public Toilet	Entrance to Tam Shui Hang Village, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	2
Tong Hang Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Hang Tsuen, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Lin Tong Mei (Residential Area) Public Toilet	Lin Tong Mei Residential Area, Sheung Shui	2	3	0	2
Tan Chuk Hang Public Toilet	Tan Chuk Hang, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Lin Tong Mei Public Toilet	Lin Tong Mei, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Queen's Hill Public Toilet	Queen's Hill, Fanling	2	3	0	3
San Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Opposite to House No 55, San Uk Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	3
Kam Tsin (South) Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 100 Kam Tsin Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ling Shan Tsuen Public Toilet	Entrance at access road behind Fanling Hospital	2	3	0	3
Kwu Tung (Lung Tang Kok) Public Toilet	At side of footbridge NF157 near Castle Peak Road	2	2	0	3
Ho Sheung Heung San Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Ho Sheung Heung San Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Kwu Tung (Tung Fong) Public Toilet	Ma Tso Lung Road near Entrance to Tung Fong, Sheung Shui	2	3	0	3
Fu Tei Au Public Toilet	Junction of Man Kam To Road and Fu Tei Au Road, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Tai Tau Leng Public Toilet	Tai Tau Leng Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Fung Kong (Tong Kok) Public Toilet	Fung Kong (Tong Kok), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Tso Lung Shun Yee Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	At side of Co-operative Society, Shun Yee San Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Liu Pok Tsuen (South) Public Toilet	Opposite to Liu Pok Tsuen playground, Sheung Shui	2	3	0	3

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Ha Ma Tseuk Leng Public Toilet	Ha Ma Tseuk Leng, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	3
Tai Po Tin (1) Public Toilet	Tai Po Tin, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	3
Ha Shan Kai Wat (2) Public Toilet	Ha Shan Kai Wat, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	2
Tai Po Tin (2) Public Toilet	Tai Po Tin, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	3
Sze Tau Leng Public Toilet	Sze Tau Leng, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Sheung Wo Hang Public Toilet	Sheung Wo Hang, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
San Tong Po Public Toilet	San Tong Po, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
Sheung Shan Kai Wat Public Toilet	Sheung Shan Kai Wat, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	2
Muk Min Tau Public Toilet	Entrance to Muk Min Tau Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Kan Tau Wai Public Toilet	Kan Tau Wai, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Tong Fong , Ta Kwu Ling Public Toilet	Tong Fong, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	3
Lin Ma Hang Public Toilet	At side of Lin Ma Hang Playground, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Tsung Pak Long (South) Public Toilet	Tsung Pak Long (near Hak Ka Wai), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Fanling Fu Tei Pai Public Toilet	Fu Tei Pai (near Sunny Terrace), Fanling	1	3	0	2
Wing Ling Wai Public Toilet	Opposite House No. 32, Wing Ning Wai, Fanling	1	1	0	2
Ha Shan Kai Wat (1) Public Toilet	Ha Shan Kai Wat , Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Ta Kwu Ling Lei Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lei Uk Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	1	0	2
Ping Che Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Ping Che Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	3	0	2
Sha Tau Kok Man Uk Pin Public Toilet	Sha Tau Kok Man Uk Pin, Sha Tau Kok	1	3	0	2



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Kat O Sai O Public Toilet	Kat O Sai O, Sha Tau Kok	1	3	0	2
Kwan Tei Tsuen Public Toilet	In front of Fu Tei Pei Village Letter-box, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Lung Yeuk Tau, Tung Kok Wai Public Toilet	Side of House No. 101, Tung Kok Wai, Fanling	1	1	0	2
Tsung Yuen Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsung Yuen Ha Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Hung Leng Public Toilet	Hung Leng Tsuen in front of House No. 13E, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
On Po Tsuen Public Toilet	On Po Tsuen Carpark, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
Kwu Tung (Tin Sum) Public Toilet	Kwu Tung Tin Sum, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
Kwu Tung (near Kwu Tung Village Committee Office) Public Toilet	Rear of Kwu Tung Village Office, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Mei Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Mei Ha Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
Ta Kwu Ling San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ta Kwu Ling San Tsuen, Ping Che Road	1	2	0	2
Ping Che Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Junction of Ping Che Road and Ng Chau Road, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Chow Tin (2) Public Toilet	At side of Chow Tin Tsuen Village Office, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Muk Wu Tsuen Public Toilet	Muk Wu Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Tai Tong Wu Public Toilet	Tai Tong Wu, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Kwu Tung (Shek Tsai Leng) Public Toilet	Shek Tsai Leng at junction of Ma Tso Lung Road and Ho Sheung Heung Road., Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ki Lun Tsuen Public Toilet	Ki Lun Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Chow Tin(1) Public Toilet	Chow Tin Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2

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Shan Tsui Public Toilet	At side of Shan Tsui Tsuen Rest Garden, Sha Tau Kok	1	3	0	2
Kuk Po (Lo Wai) Public Toilet	At entrance to Kuk Po Wai, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	1
San Uk Ling Public Toilet	At side of House No 18, Lane 1, San Uk Ling Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Tso Lung Shun Yee Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Ma Tso Lung Shun Yee Tsuen (near House No. 19), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Tsung Pak Long (North) Public Toilet	Opposite to Tsung Pak Long Village Office, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
San Uk Tsai Public Toilet	At side of San Uk Tsai (Greenland Garden), Sha Tau Kok Road	1	3	0	2
Kwan Tei (North) Public Toilet	Kwan Tei North Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	1	0	2
Leng Tsai Tsuen Public Toilet	Leng Tsai Tsuen, Fanling	1	1	0	2
Sha Ling, Cheung Po Tau Public Toilet	Man Kam To Road at entrance to Cheung Po Tau, Sha Ling	1	3	0	2
Hang Tau Road Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 100 Hang Tau Road, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Fung Hang Public Toilet	Fung Hang, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Luk Keng (Wong Uk) Public Toilet	Luk Keng Wong Uk Tsuen	1	1	0	2
Man Kam To Public Toilet	Man Kam To Vehicle Holding Area	2	4	0	2
Kwu Tung (Shui Tong Hang) Public Toilet	Kwu Tung South Road, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
Shek Wu San Tsuen Public Toilet	Shek Wu San Tsuen, Sheung Shui (near Ng Tung River)	1	3	0	2
Sam Ah Public Toilet	Sam Ah, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Kat O Fisherman's Village Public Toilet	Kat O Fisherman's Village, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Yuen Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Ha Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2

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Ma Me Ha Public Toilet	Ma Mei Ha Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
Ha Wo Hang Public Toilet	Ha Wo Hang, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Loi Tung Public Toilet	Loi Tung Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	2	1	0	2
Tsiu Keng Pang Uk Public Toilet	Tsiu Keng Pang Uk, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Wang Shan Keuk San Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Shan Keuk San Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	1	0	2
Nam Chung (Lo Uk) Public Toilet	Nam Chung Lo Uk Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Tsiu Keng Lo Wai Public Toilet	Tsiu Keng Lo Wai, Sheung Shui	1	1	0	2
Leng Pei Tsuen Public Toilet	Leng Pei Tsuen in front of House No. 14, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Cheung Lek Tsuen Public Toilet	Side of House No.1 Cheung Lek Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	1	0	2
Tong Kung Ling Public Toilet	Tong Kung Ling, Sheung Shui	1	1	0	2
Ping Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Ping Kong Tsuen at rear of King Lam Yuen, Fanling	1	2	0	2
Hok Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Hok Tau Tsuen at rear of Produce Green, Fanling	1	1	0	1
Kwu Tung (Tiu Yuen) Public Toilet	Rear of Kwu Tung Vegetable Marketing & Credit Co-operative Society, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ngar Yiu Public Toilet	Ngar Yiu, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Po Kak Tsai, Lau Shui Heung Public Toilet	Po Kak Tsai, Lau Shui Heung, Fanling	1	3	0	2
Sheung Ma Tseuk Leng Public Toilet	At side of Ma Tseuk Leng Children's Playgroup, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Hang Tau (Ngai Yuen) Public Toilet	Hang Tau (Ngai Yuen), Sheung Shui	1	1	0	1

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Ma Tso Lung (Yu Hing Tong) Public Toilet	Ma Tso Lung Yu Hing Tong (at side of access road), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Tso Lung San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Cho Lung San Tsuen at side of House No.21, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ying Pun Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of House No. 15, Ying Pun Sheung Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ng Uk Tsuen (Chung Chai Yuen) Public Toilet	Ng Uk Tsuen (Chung Chai Yuen)	1	1	0	1
Shek Wu Hui Public Toilet	Sheung Shui Entry / Exit Hub, San Wan Road, Sheung Shui	3	4	0	6
Chuk Yuen Village Public Toilet	Chuk Yuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
<b>Tai Po District</b>					
Tai Po Centre Public Toilet	Blk. 20, Tai Po Centre, Tai Po	4	9	0	8
Tai Po Plaza Public Toilet	Tai Po Plaza, Tai Po	4	7	0	8
Tai Po Market MTR Station Public Toilet	Tai Po Market Station, Tai Po	4	5	0	8
Tai Po Old Market Public Toilet	Tai Po Old Market, Tai Po	4	0	1	6
Nam Hang Public Toilet	Nam Hang Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	5
Ma Wo Public Toilet	Ma Wo Village, Tai Po	3	4	0	5
Tai Mei Tuk Public Toilet	Tai Mei Tuk Village, Tai Po	4	0	1	6
Pak Shing Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Pak Shing Street, Tai Po	5	0	1	10
Pan Chung Public Toilet	Pan Chung Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	3
Kam Shan Road Public Toilet	Kam Shan Road, Tai Po	3	0	1	3
Yu Kok Public Toilet	Yue Kok Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	2
Shek Kwu Lung Public Toilet	Shek Kwu Lung Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	2

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Shui Wai Public Toilet	Shui Wai Village, Tai Po	3	3	0	3
Fong Ma Po Public Toilet	Fong Ma Po, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po	5	7	0	12
Sam Mun Tsai Village (North) Public Toilet	Sam Mun Tsai Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Sam Mun Tsai Village (South) Public Toilet	Sam Mun Tsai Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Tap Mun Ha Wai Public Toilet	Tap Mun Ha Wai, Tai Po	2	2	0	3
Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village North Public Toilet	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village South Public Toilet	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Wong Yi Au Public Toilet	Wong Yi Au Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Tai Po Tau South Public Toilet	Tai Po Tau Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	3
Care Village West Public Toilet	Care Village West, Tai Po	2	2	0	3
Tap Mun Pier Public Toilet	Tap Mun Pier, Tai Po	3	6	0	6
Ha Hang Village Public Toilet	Ha Hang Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Ng Tung Chai Public Toilet	Ng Tung Chai Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Tai Hang Chung Sum Wai Public Toilet	Chung Sum Wai, Tai Hang Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Chung Shun Lane Public Toilet	Chung Shun Lane, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
She Shan Tsuen Public Toilet	She Shan Tsuen, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Po Sam Pai Public Toilet	Po Sam Pai Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Chong San Road Public Toilet	Chong San Road, Tai Po	4	4	0	10

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CARE Village East Public Toilet	CARE Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Fo Yin Road Public Toilet	Fo yin Road, Tai Po	4	4	0	10
Tung Ping Chau Public Toilet	Tung Ping Chau	2	2	0	4
Wai Tau Village Public Toilet	Wai Tau Villgae, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Hang Ha Po Village Public Toilet	Hang Ha Po Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Lin Au Village Public Toilet	Lin Au Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
San Tong Public Toilet	San Tong Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	1
Chung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Chung Uk Tsuen, Tai Po	1	1	0	2
Chai Kek Village Public Toilet	Chai Kek Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Hang Fui Sha Wai Public Toilet	Tai Hang Fui Sha Wai, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Cheung Shue Tan Village (2) Public Toilet	Cheung Shue Tan Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Om Village Public Toilet	Tai Om Village, Tai Po	0	2	0	2
Tai Mong Che Village Public Toilet	Tai Mong Che Village, Tai Po	0	2	0	2
Tong Min Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Min Tsuen, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Po Kau Sun Wai Public Toilet	Tai Po Kau Sun Wai, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Sheung Pak Ngau Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	Sheung Pak Ngau Shek Tsuen, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
San Uk Tsai Village Public Toilet	San Uk Tsai Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Po Tau Village North Public Toilet	Tai Po Tau Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	3

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Ping Long Village Public Toilet	Ping Long Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Po Mei Village Public Toilet	Tai Po Mei Village, Tai Po	1	1	0	1
Lung Ah Pai Village Public Toilet	Lung Ah Pai Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Ma Po Mei Village Public Toilet	Ma Po Mei Village, Tai Po	1	1	0	2
Shui Wo Village Public Toilet	Shui Wo Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Cheung Shue Tan Village (1) Public Toilet	Cheung Shu Tan Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Shuen Wan Li Uk Public Toilet	Shuen Wan Li Uk , Tai Po	1	1	0	2
Yung Shue O Public Toilet	Yung Shue O Village, near Lamp post No. V4788	2	3	0	2
Nai Chung Pier Public Toilet	At side of Nai Chung Pier	1	3	0	2
Hoi Ha Public Toilet	At entrance of Hoi Ha Village	2	2	0	3
Pak Sha O Public Toilet	Pak Sha O	2	2	0	3
Ko Tong Ha Yeung Public Toilet	Ko Tong Ha Yeung	2	2	0	3
Chek Keng Public Toilet	Chek Keng	2	2	0	2
Kei Ling Ha Lo Wai Public Toilet	Kei Ling Ha Lo Wai	1	2	0	2
Tai Tung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Tung Tsuen, near Lamp post No. VA4591-3	1	2	0	2
Che Ha Village Public Toilet	Che Ha Village	1	1	0	2
Kei Ling Ha Sun Wai Public Toilet	Kei Ling Ha Sun Wai	1	1	0	1
Kau Lung Hang Village Public Toilet	Kau Lung Hang Village, Tai Po	1	1	0	2
Nam Wah Po Public Toilet	Nam Wah Po, Tai Po (Near Tsung Tsin Church)	2	2	0	4

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Tan Ka Wan Public Toilet	Tan Ka Wan, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Ko Lau Wan (1) Public Toilet	Ko Lau Wan, Tai Po (Near Pier)	1	1	0	2
Ko Lau Wan (2) Public Toilet	Ko Lau Wan, Tai Po (Near House No. 11)	3	0	0	0
Tai Hang Public Toilet	Tai Hang Tsz Tong Tsuen, Tai Po	1	4	0	3
Tai Wo Village Public Toilet	Tai Wo Village	1	2	0	2
<b>Sha Tin District</b>					
Shing Ho Road Public Toilet & Bathhouse	31, Shing Ho Road, Tai Wai	10	4	0	15
30, Wo Liu Hang Road Public Toilet	30, Wo Liu Hang Road, Fo Tan	4	6	0	5
Cheung Lek Mei Street Public Toilet	Near Fo Tan Nullah Cheung Lek Street, Fo Tan	5	0	1	7
Shan Mei Street Public Toilet	Near Fo Tan Cooked Food Market Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan	6	3	0	6
Kwei Tei Street Public Toilet	10-14, Kwei Tei Street, Fo Tan	5	0	2	6
Ma Liu Shui off Tolo Highway Public Toilet	Near Ma Liu Shui Pier Off Tolo Highway	3	0	0	6
Tin Sum Village Public Toilet	Tin Sum Village Car Park, Tin Sum Street	5	2	0	5
Kak Tin Street Public Toilet	Ha Kak Tin Village, Tai Wai	5	2	0	5
Hin Tin Street, Sheung Keng Hau Village Public Toilet	Hin Tin Street near Hin Keng Street	3	3	0	4
Fu Kin Street, Ha Keng Hau Village Public Toilet	At side of Ha Keng Hau Village Car Park, Fu Kin Street	3	3	0	4
Hin Kwai Lane, Hin Tin Village Public Toilet	Hin Kwai Lane near Hin Keng Street	3	2	0	4
Tsang Tai Uk Public Toilet	Tsang Tai Uk Village	2	2	0	3



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Ngau Pei Sha Village Public Toilet	Junction of Sha Tin Wai Road & Ngau Pei Sha Street	3	3	0	4
Wong Nai Tau Village Public Toilet	Wong Nai Tau Village	3	0	1	2
Sha Tin Tau Village Public Toilet	Sha Tin Tau Village	3	0	1	2
Shek Kwu Lung Village Public Toilet	Shek Kwu Lung Village	3	0	1	2
Sheung Pai Tau Village Public Toilet	Sheung Pai Tau Village	3	0	1	2
Siu Lek Yuen Village Public Toilet	Siu Lek Yuen Village	3	3	0	2
Wo Liu Hang Village Public Toilet	Wo Liu Hang Village	3	0	1	2
Chap Wai Kon Village Public Toilet	Chap Wai Kon Village	3	0	1	2
Shap Yi Watt Village Public Toilet	Entrance of Shap Yi Watt Village Sha Tin Pass Road	2	2	0	3
Science Park Road Public Toilet	Science Park Road, Ma Liu Shui	2	3	0	4
Tai Wai PTI Public Toilet	Adjoining Tai Wai Public Transport Interchange	5	7	0	8
Ma Liu Shui Public Toilet	Pak Shek Kok, Ma Liu Shui	4	4	0	6
To Tau Village Public Toilet	Near the car park at To Tau Village, Wu Kai Sha	2	3	0	3
Fo Tan Village Public Toilet	Near Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan Village, Fo Tan	2	2	0	2
Tin Liu Village Public Toilet	Near No. 334, Pai Tau Village	1	2	0	2
Kwun Yam Shan Village Public Toilet	Kwun Yam Shan Village	1	1	0	2
Ma On Shan Village Hilltop Public Toilet	Near the car-park Ma On Shan Village Hilltop	1	3	0	2
University Station Public Toilet	University Station Cycling Entry / Exit Hub, Chak Cheung Street, Sha Tin, N.T.	3	5	0	6

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Sai Kung District					
Yi Chun Street Public Toilet	Opposite to Sai Kung Market, Yi Chun Street	8	6	0	8
Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate Public Toilet	Chun Yat Street, near Lamp Post No. EB6136	2	3	0	4
Yan King Road Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Yan King Road Metro City Plaza II Bus Terminus Public Toilet	4	7	0	8
Tai Au Mun Public Toilet	Near Tai Au Mun Car Park	2	2	0	4
Ho Chung Public Toilet	Near Ho Chung Car Park	1	1	0	2
Tui Min Hoi Public Toilet	Tui Min Hoi Village	3	0	1	3
Tseung Kwan O Village Public Toilet	Opposite to Lamp Post No. EA 1064, Po Hong Road	3	0	1	4
Boon Kin Village Public Toilet	Tin Ha Wan Road, near Lamp Post No. EA 1500	3	0	1	5
Clear Water Bay Second Beach Public Toilet	Near Clear Water Bay Second Beach Car Park	3	0	1	5
Pak Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Pak Hong Road, opposite to Lamp post No. EB31651	2	0	1	3
Sha Kok Mei (1) Public Toilet	Sha Kok Mei Village, near Lamp post No. V8037-6	3	0	1	3
Sha Kok Mei (2) Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 18, Sha Kok Mei Village	3	0	1	3
Hang Hau Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Inside the public transport interchange at Hang Hau MTR Station	6	0	1	9
Tseung Kwan O Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Inside the public transport interchange at Tseung Kwan O MTR Station	4	0	1	6
Tiu Keng Leng Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Inside the public transport interchange at Tiu Keng Leng MTR Station	4	0	1	6
Tui Min Hoi (Chui Tong) Public Toilet	Tui Min Hoi (Chui Tong)	1	2	0	2

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Tai Po Tsai Lower Village Public Toilet	Tai Po Tsai Lower Village	2	2	0	3
Pak Sha Wan Carpark Public Toilet	Pak Sha Wan Carpark	2	2	0	3
Tai Mong Tsai Public Toilet	At side of Tai Mong Tsai Carpark	2	2	0	3
Sha Kiu (Leung Shuen Wan) Public Toilet	Sha Kiu (Leung Shuen Wan)	1	2	0	3
Tseng Lan Shue Public Toilet	Tseng Lan Shue, near Lamp post No. N8703(7)	2	2	0	3
Tsam Chuk Wan Public Toilet	Near the Anti-Japanese Martyrs Monuments in Tsam Chuk Wan	2	3	0	5
Hiram's Highway (Nam Wai) Public Toilet	Hiram's Highway, near Lamp post EA9898-1	2	2	0	3
Tai Chung Hau Public Toilet	At junction of Hiram's Highway and Tai Chung Hau Village	2	2	0	3
Po Toi O Public Toilet	Po Toi O Tsuen	2	2	0	3
Pik Uk Lower Village Public Toilet	Pik Uk Lower Village No.108	2	2	0	3
Tso Wo Hang Public Toilet	Tso Wo Hang	2	2	0	2
Ham Tin Public Toilet	Ham Tin	2	3	0	3
Sun On Tsuen Public Toilet	Po Lo Che Road, near Lamp post no. N2952-9	2	2	0	3
Nam Wai Public Toilet	At side of Nam Wai Village No. 55	1	2	0	2
Nam Shan Village Public Toilet	At side of Nam Shan Village No. 27	2	2	0	2
Pak Wai Tsuen Public Toilet	At entrance of Pak Wai Tsuen	1	3	0	2
Hang Mei Teng Public Toilet	Hang Mei Teng	2	2	0	3
Mau Wu Tsai Public Toilet	Rear House No. 46 A, Mau Wu Tsai Village	1	2	0	2
Wai Sum Village Public Toilet	Mang Kung Uk Wai Sum Village	1	2	0	2

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Pik Shui Shun Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Pik Shui Sun Tsuen Mutual Help Committee Centre	1	3	0	2
Pak Sha Wan Church Public Toilet	Pak Sha Wan Church	1	2	0	2
Tai Wan Tau Public Toilet	Tai Wan Tau	1	3	0	2
Sheung Sze Wan Public Toilet	Sheung Sze Wan Village	1	3	0	2
Hung Fa Village Public Toilet	Pak Kong Au Road, near Lamp post No. V0983-0	1	2	0	2
Ma Yau Tong Public Toilet	Ma Yau Tong Village, near Lamp post No. VA 3728	1	2	0	2
Tsak Yue Wu Village Public Toilet	Tsak Yue Wu Village, near lamp post No. EA 0897	1	2	0	2
Ah Kung Wan Public Toilet	Ah Kung Wan	1	3	0	2
Mang Kung Uk Lower Village Public Toilet	Mang Kung Uk Lower Village	1	2	0	2
Po Lo Che Road Public Toilet	Po Lo Che Road, near lamp post No. 2767-3	1	2	0	2
Wong Yi Chau Public Toilet	At entrance of Wong Yi Chau Village	1	1	0	2
Ta Ku Ling Sun Tsuen Public Toilet	Ta Ku Ling Sun Tsuen No. 3A	1	1	0	2
Sheung Yeung Public Toilet	Sheung Yeung Tsuen	1	1	0	2
Shui Bin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Bin Tsuen, near lamp post No. V2190(8)	1	1	0	1
Yim Tin Tsai Public Toilet	Yim Tin Tsai	1	3	0	2
Tun Cheung Upper Village Public Toilet	Tun Cheung Upper Village, near Lamp post No. VA4989-8	1	2	0	2
Man Sau Sun Tsuen Public Toilet	Man Sau Sun Tsuen, near Lamp post No. 087007-4	2	1	1	2
Luk Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Luk Mei Tsuen, near Lamp post N9103	3	1	1	2
Tai Miu Public Toilet	Tai Miu	1	1	0	2

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Pak Sha Wan Fisherman Village Public Toilet	At side of Pak Sha Wan Fisherman Village No. 16	1	1	0	2
Tai Wan Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Mong Tsai Road, near Lamp post No. 2555-7	1	1	0	2
Nam Pin Wai Public Toilet	At side of Nam Pin Wai Village No. 16	1	1	0	2
Ma Nam Wat Public Toilet	Ma Nam Wat	1	1	0	2
Muk Min Shan Road Public Toilet	Muk Min Shan Road	1	1	0	2

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)270**

**(Question Serial No. 5482)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of yearly calendars, monthly calendars, Chinese New Year blessings, red packets, posters and pamphlets printed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department as well as the expenditure involved in the past year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 242)

Reply:

In 2015, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department printed about 3 578 000 copies of yearly calendars, Chinese New Year blessings, red packets, posters or pamphlets. The expenditure incurred is about \$4.6 million. Details are as follows:

<b>Items</b>	<b>Volume (copies)</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Yearly calendars, Chinese New Year blessings and red packets for promotion of markets	785 000	0.4
Posters, leaflets, pamphlets and booklets for promotion of environmental hygiene and food safety	2 793 000	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 578 000</b>	<b>4.6</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)271**

**(Question Serial No. 5516)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the average waiting time for existing niches which were vacated and re-allocated in public columbaria in the past three years, as well as the daily number of cases concerning niche selection and cremation service that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department currently handles.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 283)

Reply:

For re-allocated niches (i.e. niches returned to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department)), a waiting list is kept for each columbarium and the average waiting time for the past three calendar years is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average Waiting Time (Month)</b>
2013	45
2014	54
2015	45

Currently, the Department invites 160 applicants each day to select the remaining new niches at the Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road Columbarium (Phase V).

For cremation service, it is the Department's pledge that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. In 2015, the Department handled a total of 42 737 body cremations, i.e. an average of about 118 cremations a day.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)272****(Question Serial No. 4256)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the total number of animal carcasses collected by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and how they were handled in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by type of animals.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 56)Reply:

The total number of animal carcasses collected by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past three calendar years is 39 746. The breakdown by year and type of animals is as follows –

Year	Dogs	Cats	Pigs	Cattles	Others <sup>[Note]</sup>	Total
2013	6 724	4 896	1 791	112	467	13 990
2014	5 438	3 917	3 922	41	372	13 690
2015	4 782	3 913	2 934	21	416	12 066
Total	16 944	12 726	8 647	174	1 255	39 746

Note: "Others" includes snakes, monkeys, rabbits, civets, porcupines, hamsters and wild pigs.

At present, the animal carcass collection services are outsourced. The service contractor provides daily animal carcass collection service, and the collected carcasses will be disinfected and put into plastic bags before transporting to designated landfills for final disposal.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)273**

**(Question Serial No. 3689)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the prosecutions instituted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against environmental hygiene related offences, please provide the number of convicted cases and the amount of fines imposed in the past ten years, with a breakdown by type of hawkers (licensed hawkers, unlicensed hawkers, market stalls, ...).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 302)

Reply:

Information on the number of convicted prosecution cases and the amount of fines imposed on licensed and unlicensed hawkers, and market stalls in public markets for the past five years (from 2011 to 2015) is provided at Annex. Statistics prior to 2011 are not available.

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**Number of convictions and amount of fines imposed on licensed  
and unlicensed hawkers, and market stalls in public markets  
(2011 – 2015)**

Year	Hawker				Market Stall	
	Licensed Hawker		Unlicensed Hawker			
	Number of convictions	Fines (\$)	Number of convictions	Fines (\$)	Number of convictions	Fines (\$)
2011	5 048	1,934,270	25 169	9,808,528	1 244	484,409
2012	5 256	3,326,245	25 234	13,667,904	1 287	511,463
2013	5 064	3,041,490	26 294	13,084,154	1 257	488,558
2014	5 805	2,987,995	28 206	13,411,955	1 214	487,514
2015	5 622	3,103,230	23 473	11,862,082	1 523	763,359

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)274**

**(Question Serial No. 3690)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in relation to unlicensed hawkers, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, as well as the manpower and administrative charges involved, in each of the past ten years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 303)

Reply:

Information on the number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers, and the manpower and expenditure for hawker control in the past five years is provided at Annex. Taking out enforcement action against unlicensed hawkers is part of the duties of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's hawker control staff. Further breakdown of the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action is not available.

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**Number of prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed hawkers**

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Number of prosecutions</b>	<b>Number of convictions</b>
2011	28 576	25 169
2012	27 457	25 234
2013	29 243	26 294
2014	26 025	28 206
2015	23 054	23 473

Note : Prosecutions instituted in a year may be convicted in the following year.

**Manpower and expenditure incurred in hawker control**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	2 204	809.5
2012-13	2 204	850.2
2013-14	2 204	912.1
2014-15	2 209	951.8
2015-16 (revised estimate)	2 210	1,006.0

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)275**

**(Question Serial No. 3691)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in relation to hawkers, pitches and market stalls, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, as well as the manpower and administrative charges involved, in each of the past ten years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 304)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not separately keep statistics on the number of inspections to licensed hawker stalls and public market stalls. Information on the number of prosecutions and convictions against licensed hawkers or public market tenants, as well as the manpower and expenditure incurred in hawker control and management of public markets in the past five years is provided at Annex.

Taking out enforcement action is part of the duties of the Department's hawker control and market management staff. Further breakdown on the manpower and expenditure on enforcement action is not available.

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**Enforcement action**  
**against licensed hawkers and public market tenants**

	<b>Licensed Hawkers</b>		<b>Public Market Tenants</b>	
<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of prosecutions</b>	<b>Number of convictions</b>	<b>Number of prosecutions</b>	<b>Number of convictions</b>
2011	6 704	5 048	1 259	1 244
2012	6 088	5 256	1 307	1 287
2013	4 798	5 064	1 265	1 257
2014	5 183	5 805	1 291	1 214
2015	4 493	5 622	1 658	1 523

Note : Prosecutions instituted in a year may be convicted in the following year.

**Manpower and expenditure incurred in**  
**hawker control and management of public markets**

	<b>Licensed Hawkers</b>		<b>Public Markets</b>	
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	2 204	809.5	245	575.0
2012-13	2 204	850.2	244	628.8
2013-14	2 204	912.1	253	648.7
2014-15	2 209	951.8	256	741.0
2015-16 (revised estimate)	2 210	1,006.0	256	738.1

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)276**

**(Question Serial No. 3692)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers in each of the past ten years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 305)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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## Estimated number of unlicensed hawkers broken down by district in the past ten years

District Environmental Hygiene Office	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	205	201	198	182	161	165	158	148	148	143
Wan Chai	120	173	164	180	182	173	140	36	27	26
Eastern	201	187	179	163	140	125	128	131	130	55
Southern	107	103	83	60	58	39	28	44	41	49
Islands	34	37	32	33	34	30	29	20	15	15
Yau Tsim	299	232	257	267	263	259	243	136	213	192
Mong Kok	107	170	134	100	105	125	112	120	89	89
Sham Shui Po	121	116	168	323	249	286	279	248	281	411
Kowloon City	116	99	89	77	74	59	61	62	63	64
Wong Tai Sin	143	124	122	121	121	126	23	21	36	35
Kwun Tong	97	103	109	95	126	144	131	119	56	100
Kwai Tsing	106	108	91	97	92	91	87	75	69	68
Tsuen Wan	30	23	18	22	19	22	21	18	9	7
Tuen Mun	89	107	81	54	65	52	51	50	54	51
Yuen Long	109	102	100	51	25	32	33	27	40	26
North	85	77	81	73	70	77	79	78	79	72
Tai Po	45	41	12	5	6	27	22	20	33	35
Shatin	156	81	75	61	75	59	24	57	47	42
Sai Kung	14	16	14	15	11	13	24	13	10	8
Inside Housing Estates*	61	78	54	31	20	17	18	40	40	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 245</b>	<b>2 178</b>	<b>2 061</b>	<b>2 010</b>	<b>1 896</b>	<b>1 921</b>	<b>1 691</b>	<b>1 463</b>	<b>1 480</b>	<b>1 594</b>

\*Note : Figures provided by Housing Department. No further breakdown is available.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)277****(Question Serial No. 3693)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( - ) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please provide information on the number of markets, public markets and stalls involved across the territory in each of the past 20 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 313)Reply:

The information on the number of public markets and public market stalls managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) for the past five years is provided below -

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Number of public markets</b>	<b>Number of public market stalls (as at 31 December)</b>
2011	102	14 452
2012	102	14 443
2013	101	14 445
2014	101	14 443
2015	101	14 439

The Department does not keep information on markets other than public markets under its management.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)278**

**(Question Serial No. 3940)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the temporary storage service for cremains provided by the Department, please advise on the number of cases with storage period longer than two months, the longest storage period and the total amount of fees collected in the past five years. Please also advise whether there will be an increase in the expenditure for providing the service; if yes, the amount of the increase, the number of additional temporary storage facilities as planned and their storage capacity.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 623)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) provides service for temporary storage of cremains in all its crematoria free of charge in the first two months following cremation. The duration may be extended upon application at a monthly fee of \$80. In the past five calendar years, there were altogether 243 cases in which the duration of temporary storage exceeded two months. Among these cases, the longest storage time was 41 months. The total revenue collected in the past five calendar years in respect of this service was \$148, 220.

The Department at present has a total of about 23 000 temporary urn storage spaces at the Kwai Chung Crematorium and Wo Hop Shek Columbarium (Phase III & Phase V). An additional 28 000 temporary urn storage spaces will be made available at the old Kwai Chung Crematorium and vacant staff quarters at Cape Collision Crematorium and the Hong Kong Cemetery by stages from Q2 2016 to Q2 2017. In other words, the total number of temporary urn storage spaces will be increased to more than 50 000 in the coming year. We are exploring the feasibility of increasing temporary storage spaces in other venues.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)279****(Question Serial No. 6461)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to injury at work in respect of cleansing workers employed under cleansing service contracts, please advise on the number of reported cases received by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in each of the past five years, body locations involved, as well as the reason(s) for the injuries. Please also provide details of the follow-up actions taken by the Department regarding the reported cases of injury at work. If no follow-up actions have been taken, please give reason(s). If figures relating to the reported cases have not been kept, please give reason(s) and advise whether the figures will be available in future.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 292)Reply:

The contracts signed between the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its service contractors stipulate that in the event of any of the contractors' employees suffering from any injury or death in the course of or arising out of the contract (whether or not a claim for compensation is involved), the contractor shall, within seven clear working days, give notice in writing of such injury or death to the Department. The contractors are also required to comply with all the legislation in relation to the execution of the service contracts, including the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap 509) (the Ordinance). The number of reported cases received by the Department on injury at work of cleansing workers employed under the cleansing service contracts in the past five years is given below –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to 29.2.2016)
No. of reported cases on injury at work	69	78	53	89	89

The injuries sustained by cleansing workers at work in the reported cases were mainly sprains, strains, bruises, cuts and wounds in different parts of the body. Unintended collisions (with, for instance, a bicycle or a hand cart), slips, trips or falls on same level and lifting were common causes of injuries. If the Department suspects a breach of the Ordinance in a reported case, the case will be referred to the Labour Department (LD) for investigation. If it is confirmed that the contractor has committed an offence under the Ordinance, LD will take appropriate action including instituting prosecution against the contractor. The Department will also take action in accordance with the contract terms, including the issuance of verbal warnings, written warnings and default notices as well as withholding/deducting monthly payment of service charge.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)280**

**(Question Serial No. 6462)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the measures taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to monitor the compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance by cleansing service contractors. Are there any regular or blitz inspections or visits paid to workers? If yes, please provide relevant figures with a breakdown by regular inspections, blitz inspections and visits paid to workers in the past five years, as well as the ranks of staff who performed the duties.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 293)

Reply:

In the tender document for each cleansing service contract and the signed contract, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) specifies that the contractor shall provide necessary training on occupational safety, protective equipment and ancillary tools, and comply with all the legislation in relation to the execution of the service contracts, including the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509) (the Ordinance). It is incumbent upon contractors to ensure their employees' safety and health at work. Staff of the Department carry out regular and surprise inspections to check the contractors' performance and ensure their compliance with the contract requirements at all times. If the Department finds a suspected breach of the Ordinance by a contractor in a reported case on injury at work, the case will be referred to the Labour Department for investigation. Any breach of contractual obligations by the contractors may lead to the issuance of verbal warnings, written warnings and default notices as well as reduction in monthly payment of service charge. The Department does not keep separate breakdown on the number of regular and surprise inspections conducted in this respect. The inspections are conducted by officers at the rank of Senior Health Inspector, Health Inspector, Overseer, Senior Foreman, Foreman, Senior Hawker Control Officer or Assistant Hawker Control Officer.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)281**

**(Question Serial No. 6713)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

If there are cleansing service contractors not complying with the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance, please advise on the number of suspected non-compliant cases, with a breakdown by type. Please also advise on the actions taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to handle the relevant non-compliant cases upon detection, as well as the penalties imposed on the contractors concerned.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 294)

Reply:

According to the Department's record, we did not come across any case of non-compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509) on the part of the Department's cleansing contractors in the past three years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)282****(Question Serial No. 6714)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of employees hired by the cleansing service contractors of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2015 and their job types or occupations. Please also provide the average daily wage rates, monthly salaries, working hours and average number of leave days of the employees concerned, with a breakdown by job type or occupation.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 295)Reply:

The information sought is given below –

Job Type	No. of Employees Hired by Cleansing Service Contractors (as at 31.12.2015)	Average Daily Wage Rate	Monthly Salaries	Working Hour	Average No. of Leave Days
Cleansing Workman	8 107	The Department does not keep the information sought for these items. As long as all relevant legislation and contract requirements are complied with, the contractors may make their own arrangements for employing the workers to provide the services.			
Toilet Attendant	911				
Supervisor	941				
Driver / Coxswain	454				

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)283**

**(Question Serial No. 6715)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has specified in the tender document for each cleansing service contract and the signed contract the minimum staffing requirement in each work shift for each service item; if yes, the details, as well as the measures taken to monitor the service contractors' compliance with the requirement. If the requirement has not been specified, please give reason(s) and advise whether a review or study will be conducted in future.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 296)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has generally adopted an "outcome-based" approach in outsourcing cleansing services. Requirements relating to manpower, work shift, and cleansing frequency are normally not stipulated in the tender document unless warranted by specific operational needs. Instead, clear and precise performance-based service requirements including the scope of the services required, level of cleanliness expected, response time for rectification of unsatisfactory performance, etc. are incorporated in the tender document. The tenderers are required to apply their expertise and experience in devising the staff deployment plan and the mode of operation to provide cleansing services up to the performance standard as required by the Department. Tender proposals are binding once the relevant tender is accepted and will form the basis for monitoring the contractor's performance. Staff of the Department carries out regular and surprise inspections to check the contractor's performance and confirm whether the services have been completed as scheduled in accordance with the contract requirements and approved work plans including staff attendance (where manpower requirement has been specified due to specific operational needs). If non-compliance with contract requirement is found, the Department will take appropriate actions including the issuance of verbal warnings, written warnings and default notices as well as deducting monthly payment of service charge.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)284**

**(Question Serial No. 6716)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has specified in the tender document for each cleansing service contract and the signed contract that the contractor shall provide training on occupational safety, protective equipment in the required quantities, ancillary tools, changing facilities and refreshment; if yes, the details, as well as the measures taken to monitor the service contractors' compliance with the requirement. Please also advise whether any inspection will be carried out and the rank(s) of the staff responsible for the inspection(s). If the requirement has not been specified, please give reason(s) and advise whether a review or study will be conducted in future.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 297)

Reply:

In the tender document for each cleansing service contracts and the signed contract, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) specifies that the contractor shall provide necessary training on occupational safety, protective equipment and ancillary tools as well as comply with all the legislation in relation to the execution of the service contracts, including the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509). It is incumbent upon contractors to ensure their employees' safety and health at work. There is no specific requirement on the provision of changing and drinking facilities. Many venues of the Department with contractors engaged have resting/changing facilities which can be used by employees of the contractors. Staff of the Department carry out regular and surprise inspections to check the contractor's performance and to ensure their compliance with the contract requirements at all times. Any breach of contractual obligations by the contractors will lead to the issuance of verbal warnings, written warnings and default notices as well as deducting monthly payment of service charge. The inspections are performed by staff at the rank of Senior Health Inspector, Health Inspector, Overseer, Senior Foreman, Foreman, Senior Hawker Control Officer and Assistant Hawker Control Officer.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)285**

**(Question Serial No. 6717)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

If the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has specified in the tender document for each cleansing service contract and the signed contract that the contractor shall provide employees with training on occupational safety, protective equipment in the required quantities, ancillary tools, changing facilities and refreshment, please advise on the number of non-compliant cases received and detected upon inspection by the Department in the past five years, with a breakdown by type of non-compliance and the penalty imposed.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 298)

Reply:

In the tender document for each cleansing service contract and the signed contract, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) specifies that the contractor shall provide necessary training on occupational safety, protective equipment and ancillary tools in execution of the service contracts. It is incumbent upon contractors to ensure their employees' safety and health at work. There is no specific requirement on the provision of changing facilities and refreshment. Many venues of the Department with contractors engaged have resting/changing facilities which may be used by employees of the contractors. Staff of the Department carry out regular and surprise inspections to check the contractor's performance and ensure their compliance with the contract requirements at all times. Any breach of contractual obligations by the contractors may lead to the issuance of verbal warnings, written warnings and default notices as well as reduction in monthly payment of service charge. The Department did not receive reports on or detect in the past five years any non-compliant cases concerning the contract requirements related to training on occupational safety, protective equipment and ancillary tools.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)286****(Question Serial No. 6721)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the raids conducted by the Department's Hawker Control Teams, please advise on the estimated expenditure involved and the number of raids conducted in each of the past five years. Please also advise on the average number of in-house staff involved in each operation.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 306)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep statistics on the manpower involved in each hawker control operation, which depends on the circumstances specific to each case. The number of raids and the expenditure on hawker management in the past five years is given below -

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>No. of raids</b>	<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Expenditure on hawker management (\$ million)</b>
2011	120 738	2011-12	809.5
2012	119 712	2012-13	850.2
2013	118 894	2013-14	912.1
2014	124 684	2014-15	951.8
2015	116 702	2015-16	1,006.0 (revised estimate)

There is no further breakdown of the expenditure involved in conducting raids.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)287****(Question Serial No. 6722)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the joint departmental operations conducted by the Department against illegal hawking, please advise on the estimated expenditure involved and the number of raids conducted in each of the past five years. Please also advise on the average number of in-house staff involved in each operation.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 307)Reply:

Hawker management and enforcement duties are undertaken by the Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The Department does not separately keep statistics on the number of staff involved in each joint departmental operation against illegal hawking, which depends on the circumstances specific to each case. The estimated expenditure on hawker management is \$1,073 million in 2016-17. There is no further breakdown on the expenditure on joint departmental operations against illegal hawking. The number of joint departmental operations conducted in the past five years is given below -

Calendar year	No. of joint operations against illegal hawking
2011	1 496
2012	1 614
2013	1 867
2014	1 830
2015	1 984

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)288****(Question Serial No. 6723)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the Department's action against hawker blackspots, please advise on the estimates involved and the number of operations conducted in each of the past five years. Please also advise on the average number of in-house staff involved in each operation.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 308)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not separately keep statistics on the manpower involved in each operation against hawker blackspots, which depends on the circumstances specific to each case. The number of raids and the expenditure on hawker management in the past five years is given below –

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>No. of raids</b>	<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Expenditure on hawker management (\$ million)</b>
2011	120 738	2011-12	809.5
2012	119 712	2012-13	850.2
2013	118 894	2013-14	912.1
2014	124 684	2014-15	951.8
2015	116 702	2015-16	1,006.0 (revised estimate)

There is no further breakdown of the expenditure on action against hawker blackspots.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)289**

**(Question Serial No. 6724)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the raids conducted by the Department's Hawker Control Teams during the first five days of the Chinese New Year, please advise on the number of raids conducted in each of the past five years. Please also advise on the average number of in-house staff and the expenditure involved in each operation.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 309)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not separately keep statistics on the number of raids, or the manpower and expenditure involved in hawker control operations during the Lunar New Year period.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)290**

**(Question Serial No. 6725)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the joint departmental operations conducted by the Department against illegal hawking during the first five days of the Chinese New Year, please advise on the number of raids conducted in each of the past five years. Please also advise on the average number of in-house staff and the expenditure involved in each operation.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 310)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not separately keep statistics on the number of joint operations against illegal hawking with other departments, or the manpower and expenditure involved in hawker control operations during the Lunar New Year period.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)291**

**(Question Serial No. 6728)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the “Keep Clean 2015@Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign launched by the Government, please advise on the expenditure involved. Please also advise whether any action has been taken during the Campaign to clear the spots occupied by street sleepers and provide the relevant information.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 314)

Reply:

The Government launched in August to September 2015 the “Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home” campaign (the Campaign) to promote cross-sector partnership and community involvement in keeping Hong Kong clean. During the Campaign, the relevant bureau and departments have made use of their existing resources and mobilised support from different sectors to enhance cleansing and publicity work under their purview, in collaboration with each other. The Government received referrals on more than 200 hygiene blackspots during the Campaign and acted on them. One of these blackspots was occupied by street sleepers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)292****(Question Serial No. 6730)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of clearance operations undertaken by the Department against street sleepers (at spots occupied by street sleepers), as well as the number of in-house staff and expenditure involved, in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 316)Reply:

Cases involving street sleepers are street management issues that cut across the responsibilities of a number of government departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), Lands Department, Highways Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Social Welfare Department and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), as appropriate. FEHD participates in the joint operations coordinated by Districts Offices of HAD to remove abandoned articles and provide cleansing services to relevant places out of environmental hygiene considerations. The number of joint operations which FEHD took part in over the past five years is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of joint operations</b>
2011-12	627
2012-13	651
2013-14	610
2014-15	520
2015-16 (up to 29 February 2016)	441

FEHD does not keep separate statistics on the number of staff involved and expenditure incurred in these joint operations.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)293****(Question Serial No. 6746)**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 vegetable farms supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, as well as their farmland area and annual yield, in various Mainland provinces and municipalities in each of the past five years.

	Number of vegetable farms supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, their farmland area and annual yield				
Provinces and municipalities	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Guangdong					
Shenzhen					
Zhuhai					
Beijing					
Chongqing					
Fujian					
Gansu					
Guangxi					
Guizhou					
Hainan					
Hebei					
Henan					
Hubei					
Hunan					
Jiangsu					
Jiangxi					
Liaoning					
Neimongol					
Ningxia					

Shandong					
Shanxi					
Shanghai					
Sichuan					
Tianjin					
Xiamen					
Yunnan					
Zhejiang					
<b>Total</b>					

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 338)

Reply:

The number of Mainland registered vegetable farms eligible for supplying vegetables to Hong Kong is tabulated below.

Province	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Guangdong	158	150	142	137	113
Shenzhen	6	6	6	2	2
Zhuhai	1	1	1	1	1
Beijing	4	3	3	3	3
Chongqing	1	1	1	1	1
Fujian	11	7	2	1	2
Gansu	9	9	9	9	9
Guangxi	2	2	2	2	4
Guizhou	3	3	3	3	3
Hainan	15	15	15	15	15
Hebei	22	14	8	10	15
Henan	14	14	16	12	14
Hubei	10	13	13	13	13
Hunan	50	50	50	32	32
Jiangsu	25	25	26	28	30
Jiangxi	15	15	8	8	9
Liaoning	5	5	5	5	5
Neimongol	1	1	2	2	2
Ningxia	17	21	22	23	23
Shandong	62	69	70	76	79
Shanxi	2	2	2	2	2
Shanghai	13	13	13	13	13

<b>Sichuan</b>	2	2	2	2	3
<b>Tianjin</b>	7	7	7	7	1
<b>Xiamen</b>			6	6	8
<b>Yunnan</b>	55	55	28	28	34
<b>Zhejiang</b>	18	18	18	18	14
<b>Total no. of registered vegetable farms</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>450</b>

The approximate farmland area (in Chinese acres, 畝) of Mainland registered vegetable farms eligible for supplying vegetables to Hong Kong is tabulated below.

<b>Province</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Guangdong</b>	161 568	170 057	169 657	149 968	118 397
<b>Shenzhen</b>	2 125	2 125	3 211	1 390	1 390
<b>Zhuhai</b>	18	18	198	198	103
<b>Beijing</b>	3 400	2 650	1 630	2 030	2 030
<b>Chongqing</b>	800	800	800	800	18 409
<b>Fujian</b>	5 337	5 074	4 040	500	1 155
<b>Gansu</b>	15 282	15 282	15 282	15 282	15 282
<b>Guangxi</b>	9 000	9 000	9 000	9 000	14 112
<b>Guizhou</b>	6 800	6 800	6 800	6 800	6 800
<b>Hainan</b>	48 049	21 872	21 872	21 872	16 112
<b>Hebei</b>	23 272	12 461	4 029	4 829	4 609
<b>Henan</b>	15 116	15 116	15 215	16 337	16 837
<b>Hubei</b>	25 809	32 909	31 886	31 886	31 886
<b>Hunan</b>	55 586	44 944	44 944	52 110	52 110
<b>Jiangsu</b>	15 690	15 690	16 570	17 571	19 246
<b>Jiangxi</b>	18 323	18 323	12 733	12 733	13 233
<b>Liaoning</b>	5 334	7 334	7 334	7 334	7 334
<b>Neimongol</b>	8 025	6 323	12 223	12 223	12 223
<b>Ningxia</b>	16 692	31 152	46 090	46 090	46 090
<b>Shandong</b>	14 051	14 951	16 134	18 154	18 979
<b>Shanxi</b>	1 978	1 978	1 978	1 978	1 978
<b>Shanghai</b>	8 942	8 942	3 914	3 914	3 914
<b>Sichuan</b>	1 250	1 250	1 250	1 250	3 148
<b>Tianjin</b>	6 717	6 717	6 717	6 717	770
<b>Xiamen</b>	4 513	4 513	3 625	3 238	3 801
<b>Yunnan</b>	46 639	46 639	21 956	21 956	36 818
<b>Zhejiang</b>	60 793	60 793	60 793	60 793	47 665

<b>Total farmland area of registered vegetable farms (Chinese acres) (round to thousand)</b>	<b>581 000</b>	<b>564 000</b>	<b>540 000</b>	<b>527 000</b>	<b>514 000</b>
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The Department does not have data on the annual yield of the Mainland registered farms.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)294**

**(Question Serial No. 6797)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the expenditure and manpower for the provision of street cleansing services over the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16), with a breakdown by year and District Council district.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 427)

Reply:

The actual/estimated expenditure of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in providing street cleansing services in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 was \$1,660.5 million, \$1,749.2 million and \$1,862.6 million respectively. The Department does not keep a breakdown by district of the manpower involved in the provision of street cleansing services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)295****(Question Serial No. 7068)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of new public columbarium facilities built, their locations and the number of new niches they provided, as well as the expenditure incurred in the past five years. Please also advise on the estimated expenditure for constructing public columbaria, as well as the number and locations of new niches to be provided, in the coming year.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 624)Reply:

Details about the public columbarium facilities completed from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Niches</b>	<b>Year of Completion</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Diamond Hill Columbarium	1 540	2012-13	0.51
Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road Columbarium Phase V	43 710	2012-13	629.50
Cheung Chau Cemetery	1 000	2013-14	2.70

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2015 for the construction of 160 000 niches at Tsang Tsui at an estimated cost of \$2.87 billion (including costs for site formation, construction cost of the columbarium buildings, etc.). The construction works are scheduled for completion in 2019.

As regards new projects in the pipeline, the Department has already consulted and obtained the in-principle support of the relevant District Councils on the construction of 855 niches at

Wong Nai Chung Road, 20 000 niches at Tsing Tsuen Road, 200 000 niches at Sandy Ridge Cemetery, 25 000 niches at Chai Wan and 44 000 niches at Wo Hop Shek (Phase I). The next step is to proceed with the conceptual/detailed design, as applicable, of the relevant projects, and to seek funding approval for commencing site formation or construction works. The estimated cost for developing the new columbarium facilities can only be ascertained upon finalisation of design details.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)296**

**(Question Serial No. 6166)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the green burial services provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) the number of cases involving scattering of cremains in Gardens of Remembrance in cemeteries managed by the Department in the past three years, with a breakdown by cemetery;
- (b) the service quota for scattering of cremains at sea and the utilisation rate in the past three years;
- (c) whether the Department will increase the service quota for scattering of cremains at sea in 2016-17; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s); and
- (d) details of the work plan for promoting green burial in 2016-17, as well as the estimated expenditure in this respect, with a breakdown by publicity programme.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 181)

Reply:

- (a) The number of applications for scattering of cremated ashes in the Gardens of Remembrance managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in the past three calendar years is as follows –

Name of Garden of Remembrance	No. of Applications		
	2013	2014	2015
Cape Collinson	452	440	511

Diamond Hill	1 282	1 508	1 880
Kwai Chung	293	340	326
Fu Shan	124	128	127
Wo Hop Shek Phase V	85	195	285
Wo Hop Shek Phase III	117	83	66
Cheung Chau	0	2	1
Peng Chau	1	1	0
Lamma	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 354</b>	<b>2 697</b>	<b>3 196</b>

- (b) Information on the service capacity, number of applications received and the utilisation rates of the free ferry service provided by the Department for scattering of cremated ashes at sea in the past three calendar years is given below –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Service capacity</b>	<b>Number of applications received</b>	<b>Utilisation rate</b>
2013	950	709	75%
2014	900	790	88%
2015	950	817	86%

- (c) The Department reviews the service capacity for the free ferry service from time to time, and will consider increasing the service level should demand for the service so warrant.
- (d) In 2016-17, the Department will continue with its efforts in promoting green burial. Plans are in hand to sustain publicity and public education through different channels including broadcasting through Announcement in the Public Interest on television and radio, collaboration with non-governmental organisations, etc. The estimated amount of new provision earmarked for promoting green burial in 2016-17 is about \$2.5 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)297**

**(Question Serial No. 6257)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (1) Please provide information on the following in respect of each of the past two years, with a breakdown by year and District Council district:
  - a. the number of complaints received regarding the illegal display of easy-mount frames and banners;
  - b. the number of illegally displayed easy-mount frames and banners removed;
  - c. the number of owners of illegally displayed materials who were asked to bear the costs incurred and the number of demand notices issued; and
  - d. the number of cases in which penalty notices could not be served on the owners of illegally displayed materials.
- (2) Please advise on the respective costs for removing an easy-mount frame and a banner, the number of current default cases with unsettled payments, and under what circumstances the Government will write off these payments.
- (3) Please advise whether the Government will bear the relevant costs if penalty notices cannot be served on the owners of illegally displayed materials. Please also advise on the amount in this respect.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 388)

Reply:

- (1) The information sought is given below –
  - a. The number of complaints received regarding unauthorised display of publicity materials in 2014 and 2015 was 5 181 and 6 558 respectively. The Food and

Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep a breakdown of the complaints by district.

- b. The number of unauthorised publicity materials removed in 2014 and 2015 was 3 002 810 and 2 885 562 respectively, including 4 885 and 28 253 easy-mount frames with display of unauthorised publicity materials respectively. The Department does not keep a breakdown, by district, of the unauthorised publicity materials removed.
  - c. & d. The Department identifies the beneficiaries based on the information shown on the unauthorised publicity materials. If the beneficiaries of the unauthorised publicity materials cannot be identified, no demand notes would be issued. The number of demand notes issued in 2014 and 2015 was 643 and 1 495 respectively. The Department does not keep a breakdown, by district, of the demand notes issued. Nor does it keep information on the number of owners on whom the Department has or has not served demand notes.
- (2) The Department recovers the removal cost from the beneficiaries of the publicity materials removed in accordance with section 130 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132). The removal cost includes the cost of labour, transport, supervision and departmental charges, and will be apportioned among the beneficiaries of the publicity materials removed during the same operation. The removal cost for each publicity material removed depends largely on the number of publicity materials removed in the operation. In 2015, 109 out of 1 495 demand notes issued have not been settled as at February 2016. There are well established Government-wide guidelines on write-off based on which the Department considers if the circumstances of a payment arrear justify a decision to write-off the arrear.
  - (3) If the unauthorised publicity materials removed do not contain sufficient information for identifying the beneficiaries, the removal cost concerned will be borne by the Department. The Department does not keep a breakdown of the costs involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)298**

**(Question Serial No. 6258)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of licensed undertakers in each District Council district, and, among these undertakers, the number of those who are allowed, as well as those who are not allowed at any time, to provide storage service for cremated human ashes;
- (2) whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department conducted any inspections of the licensed undertakers to ensure their compliance with licensing conditions in the past two years; if yes, the number of inspections, the number of non-compliance cases, the nature of non-compliance, the number of prosecutions and convictions on a yearly basis; if not, the reason(s) and whether resources will be allocated in the next financial year for this type of work (as well as the relevant details); and
- (3) whether the Department has received any complaints about suspected illegal operation of the undertakers, as well as the number of complaints received, the specific follow-up actions taken by the Department, the number of prosecutions and convictions, and the number of premises not allowed to continue to operate, with a breakdown by year.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 390)

Reply:

- (1) As at end of February 2016, there are 113 licensed undertakers of burials in the territory. Among them, 32 are not allowed to keep cremated human ashes on the premises. The distribution of these licensed undertakers of burials by district is as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of Licensed Undertakers of Burials</b> (no. of undertakers not allowed to keep ashes on the premises)
<b>New Territories</b>	
Yuen Long	12 (7)
Tuen Mun	6 (4)
Sai Kung	2 (1)
North	2
Islands	3
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po	1
Kwai Tsing	0
Tsuen Wan	0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>27 (12)</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>	
Central & Western	5
Eastern	1
Southern	0
Wan Chai	0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kowloon</b>	
Kowloon City	58 (8)
Yau Tsim Mong	18 (12)
Wong Tai Sin	4
Sham Shui Po	0
Kwun Tung	0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>80 (20)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>113 (32)</b>

- (2) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts regular inspections to the premises of licensed undertakers of burials to ensure their compliance with licensing requirements and conditions as well as provisions in the Undertakers of Burials Regulation (Cap. 132CB). The Department conducted 340 and 467 inspections to the premises of the licensed undertakers of burials in 2014 and 2015 respectively. In this connection, 87 verbal warnings and ten verbal advice

were issued in 2014 while 43 verbal warnings were issued in 2015 to the licensed undertakers of burials for rectification of non-compliance detected during inspections. The number and nature of non-compliant cases and the action taken are as follows –

Year	No. of Inspections Conducted	Non-compliance Detected		Follow-up Action	Remarks
		No.	Nature		
2014	340	62	The licensee or a manager nominated by the licensee was found not conducting the business in person at the licensed premises.	Verbal warning given	The irregularities were found rectified during follow-up inspections.
		25	Register of the deceased's particulars was found not updated or not available for inspection.	Verbal warning given	
		6	Licence was not available for inspection.	Verbal advice given	
		4	Inspection record was not available for inspection.	Verbal advice given	
2015	467	18	The licensee or a manager nominated by the licensee was found not conducting the business in person at the licensed premises.	Verbal warning given	The irregularities were found rectified during follow-up inspections.
		7	Register of the deceased's particulars was found not updated or not available for inspection.	Verbal warning given	
		1	Failure to display licence inside the premises.	Verbal warning given	
		17	Inspection record was not available for inspection.	Verbal warning given	

- (3) The Department received one complaint in 2014 and six complaints in 2015 on suspected illegal undertakers of burials. After investigation, no unlicensed operation was detected.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)299**

**(Question Serial No. 6563)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of summonses served on the hawkers trading in Jardine's Crescent Fixed-pitch Hawker Area in Causeway Bay last year, and, among them, the number of hawkers who were repeatedly prosecuted, as well as the number of and reason(s) for prosecutions against individual hawkers who were repeatedly prosecuted.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 394)

Reply:

In 2015, a total of 251 summonses were issued to operators / licensees of fixed-pitch hawker stalls at Jardine's Crescent. About 32 operators / licensees were repeat offenders. The number of summonses issued to them ranged from two to 23. The offences committed by the operators / licensees were mainly related to extension of business area beyond the approved stall area, unauthorised use of a fixed pitch and causing obstruction in public places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)300**

**(Question Serial No. 6564)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the Department's efforts to step up enforcement action against shop front extensions (SFEs), please advise on the following:

- (1) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted in respect of SFEs in each of the past two years, with a breakdown by district;
- (2) whether the Department will set up any dedicated teams to mount raiding operations; if yes, the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s); and
- (3) whether any special policy will be introduced in the future to step up the action against street obstruction caused by parallel trading activities.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 396)

Reply:

- (1) The information sought is given at Annexes I and II respectively.
- (2) To step up enforcement against shop front extensions (SFEs) at blackspots, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) set up three task force teams in 2015-16 by creating 39 civil service posts, comprising 33 Hawker Control Officer (HCO) grade staff and six workmen. In 2016-17, the Department will set up two additional task force teams, comprising 22 HCO grade staff and four workmen to further strengthen enforcement action against SFEs in the territory generally. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 26 posts is about \$7.1 million.
- (3) Obstruction caused by parallel traders is a street management issue which falls under the jurisdiction of a number of departments. The Department will continue to participate in inter-departmental operations and take enforcement actions if environmental nuisance is caused by the activities of parallel traders on-street.

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### Number of Complaints against Shop Front Extensions

District	2014	2015
Central and Western	631	563
Wan Chai	700	688
Eastern	2 655	1 615
Southern	155	282
Islands	94	125
Yau Tsim	944	767
Mong Kok	1 108	1 777
Sham Shui Po	2 401	2 204
Kowloon City	1 234	1 152
Wong Tai Sin	456	377
Kwun Tong	651	409
Kwai Tsing	410	290
Tsuen Wan	921	893
Tuen Mun	386	373
Yuen Long	4 087	1 517
North	710	468
Tai Po	622	340
Shatin	436	333
Sai Kung	250	201
Total	18 851	14 374

### Number of Prosecutions against Shop Front Extensions

District	2014	2015
Central and Western	660	780
Wan Chai	1 403	1 470
Eastern	2 841	1 657
Southern	633	593
Islands	28	30
Yau Tsim	140	140
Mong Kok	2 112	2 298
Sham Shui Po	2 307	2 156
Kowloon City	1 330	891
Wong Tai Sin	675	869
Kwun Tong	488	242
Kwai Tsing	417	338
Tsuen Wan	1 597	1 739
Tuen Mun	1 484	684
Yuen Long	3 738	2 878
North	189	328
Tai Po	1 185	755
Shatin	1 056	690
Sai Kung	211	166
Total	22 494	18 704

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)301**

**(Question Serial No. 6580)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the following:

- (1) the number of existing public temporary storage facilities for cremains and their utilisation rates; whether there is any plan to increase the number of such facilities; if yes, the details, the timetable and the estimated expenditure involved;
- (2) the number of cases where the applicants, upon expiry of the free storage period, continue to apply for temporary storage of cremains which have been kept for 1 to 3 years, 4 to 6 years, 7 to 9 years and 10 years or over; and
- (3) the number of cases where the applicants did not retrieve the cremains upon expiry of the storage period last year, details of the follow-up actions taken by the Government, the procedures for handling unclaimed cremains kept in the temporary storage facilities and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 428)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) provides service for temporary storage of cremains in all its crematoria free of charge in the first two months following cremation. The duration may be extended upon application at a monthly fee of \$80. At present, there are a total of about 23 000 temporary urn storage spaces at the Kwai Chung Crematorium and Wo Hop Shek Columbarium (Phase III & Phase V). An additional 28 000 temporary storage spaces will be made available at the old Kwai Chung Crematorium and vacant staff quarters at the Cape Collinson Crematorium and the Hong Kong Cemetery by stages from Q2 2016 to Q2

2017 at an estimated cost of about \$16 million. We are exploring the feasibility of increasing temporary storage spaces in other venues.

- (2) Information on the duration of temporary storage, as at December 2015, is given below –

<b>Cases of cremains being temporarily stored in the Department's facilities</b>	
<b>Duration of storage after the two-month free storage period</b>	<b>Number of case</b>
Over two months to 12 months	53
Over 12 months to 48 months	6
Over 48 months to 84 months	0
Over 84 months to 120 months	0
Over 120 months	0

- (3) As at December 2015, there were 20 overdue storage cases after expiry of the two-month free storage period. All of the overdue charges have been settled. According to the established procedures, the Department will handle overdue storage cases by issuing letters to the applicants inviting them to collect the cremains and settle the overdue payments. After the overdue payments have been settled, the cremains concerned may be collected by the applicants. If the applicants do not respond to the letters, the cremains may ultimately be delivered to the Sandy Ridge Cemetery and kept there for at least another six months before disposal at the communal grave. The expenditure involved in the handling of overdue cases is absorbed within the Department's existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)302**

**(Question Serial No. 6587)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services  
(3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the problem of shop front extensions (SFEs), please advise this Committee on the following:

- a) the number of complaints against SFEs received by the Department in the past three years, with a breakdown by District Environmental Hygiene Office;
- b) the number of enforcement actions taken, the number of verbal or written warnings issued and the number of prosecutions instituted by the Department against SFEs in the past three years, with a breakdown by District Environmental Hygiene Office; and
- c) whether resources will be allocated in 2016-17 for holding multi-party discussion about the SFE problem with the local community, local residents and persons-in-charge of the shops, with a view to facilitating co-ordination and striking a balance between law enforcement by the Department and protection of interests of the shops and residents; if yes, the specific work plan; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 439)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The number of complaints and prosecutions against shop front extensions (SFEs) in the past three years is at Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) does not keep statistics on the number of verbal or written warnings issued against SFE.
- (c) Following the passage of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) (Amendment) Bill in March 2016, a fixed penalty system will come into force

in September 2016 to provide an additional enforcement tool for tackling the SFE problem. During the six-month period from March to September 2016, the Government will step up public education and publicity to allow sufficient time for the trade and other stakeholders to make necessary preparation for the implementation of the fixed penalty system. As one of the enforcement departments, FEHD will continue to deploy existing resources to work with the District Offices under the Home Affairs Department in actively engaging the community, including District Councils and shop operators, and in launching a new round of publicity campaign.

- End -



**Number of complaints against SFEs (2013 to 2015)**

District	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	445	631	563
Wan Chai	537	700	688
Eastern	2 946	2 655	1 615
Southern	211	155	282
Islands	132	94	125
Yau Tsim	1 202	944	767
Mong Kok	1 246	1 108	1 777
Sham Shui Po	2 023	2 401	2 204
Kowloon City	1 254	1 234	1 152
Wong Tai Sin	822	456	377
Kwun Tong	1 010	651	409
Kwai Tsing	541	410	290
Tsuen Wan	2 695	921	893
Tuen Mun	594	386	373
Yuen Long	1 755	4 087	1 517
North	520	710	468
Tai Po	973	622	340
Shatin	758	436	333
Sai Kung	259	250	201
Total	19 923	18 851	14 374

**Number of prosecutions against SFEs (2013 to 2015)**

District	2013	2014	2015
Central and Western	422	660	780
Wan Chai	2 134	1 403	1 470
Eastern	2 952	2 841	1 657
Southern	714	633	593
Islands	21	28	30
Yau Tsim	748	140	140
Mong Kok	3 001	2 112	2 298
Sham Shui Po	1 720	2 307	2 156
Kowloon City	1 369	1 330	891
Wong Tai Sin	527	675	869
Kwun Tong	991	488	242
Kwai Tsing	608	417	338
Tsuen Wan	2 249	1 597	1 739
Tuen Mun	1 369	1 484	684
Yuen Long	3 770	3 738	2 878
North	196	189	328
Tai Po	2 169	1 185	755
Shatin	1 767	1 056	690
Sai Kung	169	211	166
Total	26 896	22 494	18 704

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)303****(Question Serial No. 6593)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the crematorium services of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please advise this Committee on the following:

- the number of cremations and service utilisation rates of the crematoria in the past three years, with a breakdown by crematorium;
- the average waiting time for cremation service, with a breakdown by crematorium; and
- whether additional resources will be allocated in 2016-17 to increase the service capacity of the crematoria with higher utilisation rates; if yes, details of the increase in service capacity for these crematoria and the estimated expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 470)Reply:

- Information on the number of cremation sessions released, cremation sessions booked and the percentage of cremation sessions booked in public crematoria managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in the past three calendar years (2013 to 2015) is given below –

Name of Crematorium	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked
Cape Collinson	7 992	7 844	98.1%	7 798	7 789	99.9%	8 288	8 283	99.9%
Diamond Hill	8 499	8 439	99.3%	8 480	8 466	99.8%	7 896	7 887	99.9%

Fu Shan	6 948	6 800	97.9%	6 897	6 885	99.8%	6 960	6 949	99.8%
Kwai Chung	8 265	8 250	99.8%	7 331	7 325	99.9%	8 448	8 443	99.9%
Cheung Chau	1 728	164	9.5%	1 321	168	12.7%	1 308	195	14.9%
Wo Hop Shek	7 539	7 417	98.4%	10 635	10 611	99.8%	10 998	10 980	99.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40 971</b>	<b>38 914</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>42 462</b>	<b>41 244</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>43 898</b>	<b>42 737</b>	<b>97.4%</b>

- b) It is the pledge of the Department that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. This performance pledge has been met over the three years ending 2015. We do not have information on the average waiting time for booking cremation service.
- c) Reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium was completed in December 2015, providing ten new cremators and ancillary facilities. The overall cremation capacity of government crematoria as a result increases from 44 600 to 52 800 sessions per annum, which is expected to meet the projected demand up to 2025.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)304**

**(Question Serial No. 6596)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With respect to the actions taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against illegal extension of business area by licensed restaurants, please provide the number of inspections conducted, verbal or written warnings issued, prosecutions instituted, and licences suspended or cancelled in the past three years, with a breakdown by district environmental hygiene office.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 473)

Reply:

The required statistics are provided at Annex. Patrolling, and while doing so, maintaining vigilance against illegal extension of business area and where such happens, giving warnings to the operators, are integral parts of the daily operation of the relevant staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Hence, no separate statistics on inspections and warnings are kept.

- End -

## Annex

The number of enforcement actions instituted against illegal extension of food business area by licensed restaurants broken down by district environmental hygiene office (DEHO) in the past three years is provided below –

DEHO	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations
Central and Western	33	0	0	41	0	0	40	5	0
Wan Chai	66	2	0	44	10	1	43	1	0
Eastern	57	7	0	49	17	0	45	13	0
Southern	10	1	0	5	1	0	7	0	0
Islands	18	0	0	18	0	0	28	5	0
Yau Tsim	195	20	6	28	5	1	39	1	0
Mong Kok	177	8	3	97	5	1	89	5	0
Sham Shui Po	56	14	0	29	7	0	50	9	0
Kowloon City	58	6	1	22	5	1	25	7	0
Wong Tai Sin	60	17	0	41	12	0	69	9	0
Kwun Tong	34	8	1	22	4	0	28	4	0
Kwai Tsing	38	0	1	19	3	0	5	0	1
Tsuen Wan	217	19	10	53	5	4	67	0	1
Tuen Mun	162	15	1	150	8	1	112	5	1

DEHO	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations	No. of prosecutions	No. of licence suspensions	No. of licence cancellations
Yuen Long	407	26	22	269	33	2	114	21	2
North	41	2	0	42	3	0	39	1	0
Tai Po	50	5	0	45	7	0	36	7	0
Sha Tin	280	22	10	156	7	2	47	7	1
Sai Kung	63	2	0	53	0	0	85	0	0
Total <sup>#</sup>	2 022	174	55	1 183	132	13	968	100	6

<sup>#</sup> The decrease in the number of prosecutions, licence suspensions and licence cancellations instituted against illegal extension of food business area by licensed restaurants in 2014 and 2015 was mainly attributable to the implementation of enhanced control measures since mid-2013.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)305**

**(Question Serial No. 5866)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed hawkers arrested by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed hawkers in each of the past five years is given below -

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>No. of arrests</b>
2011	9 101
2012	8 980
2013	8 953
2014	7 424
2015	6 945

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)306**

**(Question Serial No. 5867)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed hawkers prosecuted by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The number of prosecutions taken out against unlicensed hawkers in each of the past five years is given below -

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>No. of prosecutions</b>
2011	28 576
2012	27 457
2013	29 243
2014	26 025
2015	23 054

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)307**

**(Question Serial No. 5869)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of complaints against illegal hawking received by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 78)

Reply:

Statistics showing the number of complaints against unlicensed hawking and obstruction are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of complaints</b>
2011	13 811
2012	14 167
2013	15 797
2014	16 468
2015	13 428

A further breakdown which shows the number of complaints against unlicensed hawking is not available.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)308**

**(Question Serial No. 5870)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of food poisoning cases reported as a result of patronising unlicensed cooked food hawkers in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 79)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has over the years been taking stringent enforcement actions against unlicensed hawking activities involving the sale of cooked food. In the past five years, the Department has not received any reports of food poisoning cases as a result of patronising unlicensed cooked food hawkers.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)309**

**(Question Serial No. 5871)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of complaints about obstruction by unlicensed hawkers received by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 80)

Reply:

Statistics showing the number of complaints against unlicensed hawking and obstruction are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of complaints</b>
2011	13 811
2012	14 167
2013	15 797
2014	16 468
2015	13 428

A further breakdown which shows the number of complaints against obstruction is not available.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)310**

**(Question Serial No. 5873)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will re-issue hawker licences in 2016-17; if yes, the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

The five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (HAS), which commenced on 3 June 2013, aims to provide one-off financial assistance to about 4 300 hawkers in 43 hawker areas for stall reconstruction and relocation in order to improve fire safety. Besides, an ex-gratia payment (EGP) is offered under the Scheme for voluntary surrender of hawker licences to the Government. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has made good progress in implementing the scheme. Eligible hawkers who have not yet exercised their option to surrender their licence (in return for an EGP) or apply for a grant to reconstruct their stalls may do so before the HAS expires in June 2018.

Going forward, the Department would, in the course of administering the HAS, endeavor to identify areas which could bring about enhancement to the hawking environment. This may include rationalising the overall layout of hawker stalls where circumstances permit. On whether to re-issue new hawker licences to fill any vacant pitches in the relevant hawker areas, the Department would carefully consider the case at a suitable time, taking into account the circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Council and local residents.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)311**

**(Question Serial No. 5874)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will designate new hawker areas at suitable locations in the territory in 2016-17; if yes, the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

The Government is committed to implementing a hawker policy which can strike an optimal balance between allowing licensed hawking business to thrive on the one hand and meeting other legitimate concerns such as avoiding unreasonable nuisance to the local community in addition to ensuring food safety, environmental hygiene and public security on the other hand. We keep an open mind towards proposals for developing the hawker trade or the establishment of open-air bazaars or night markets with local characteristics, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, public passageways are not obstructed and local community support is obtained. If suitable sites are identified, support from the relevant district councils has been obtained and food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department stands ready to facilitate liaison with relevant government departments. Existing resources will continue to be deployed to carry out the said facilitation work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)312**

**(Question Serial No. 5876 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead: (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will conduct studies on building new public markets at suitable locations in the territory in 2016-17; if yes, the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No.85 )

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) currently manages 101 public markets, including 76 public markets which mainly sell fresh provisions and other dry and wet goods, as well as 25 free-standing cooked food markets.

The prevailing Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines with respect to the planning of public markets stipulate the relevant factors to be taken into consideration, including the population of the area (including the demographic mix), community needs, the provision of public and private market facilities nearby, the number of fresh provision retail outlets in the vicinity and the public sentiment towards the preservation of hawker areas. This approach is based on a holistic consideration of all relevant factors in the planning of public markets.

Our focus is on facilitating convenient access on the part of the public to retail outlets in their neighbourhood for meeting their daily needs on food and other necessities. Currently, there exists a variety of channels for the public to purchase fresh food. Apart from public markets, many members of the public when purchasing fresh food may choose to patronise markets, supermarkets and various types of retail outlets operated by other public and private entities. Customer preference for different shopping venues in purchasing fresh food may evolve in tandem with changes in socio-economic circumstances, lifestyles, purchasing power and various other factors.

Providing a new public market requires the use of Government land and entails public financial commitment. Therefore, in considering whether a public market should be built, we have to duly assess the need for the market and cost effectiveness in order to ensure that public resources are put to proper use. In fact, in the face of fierce competition and changing circumstances in individual communities, some public markets are facing relatively high vacancy rates and low customer flows. Also, the Audit Commission had in previous reports pointed out that, given the high cost of constructing a new public market, the relevant principles should be strictly adhered to.

In considering whether new public markets should be provided in individual districts, we would take into account all relevant factors, including the abovementioned planning standards and guidelines, the actual situation of individual districts and the views of stakeholders, to ensure that public resources are put to proper use.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)313**

**(Question Serial No. 6339)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( - ) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the work plan and estimated expenditure of the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food in 2016-17. Please also advise on its expenditure in 2015-16, with a breakdown by item.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 259)

Reply:

It has always been the Government's policy to encourage and promote healthy eating. An integral part of the policy in promoting healthy diet is to encourage and facilitate the public to reduce the intake of salt and sugar in food on an ongoing basis. The Government's target is to gradually reduce the intake of salt and sugar by Hong Kong citizens to the levels recommended by the World Health Organization.

To this end, the Government set up in March 2015 the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (CRSS), and re-appointed five public health experts from the Mainland and overseas as members of the International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (IAP) in order to advise the Government on salt and sugar reduction measures from local and overseas perspectives respectively. So far, the two bodies have held a series of meetings for gauging the views of relevant stakeholders, including food manufacturers and the catering industry, conducting focused discussions and devising possible measures for salt and sugar reduction appropriate to Hong Kong's context. The CRSS' current preference is a non-legislative approach and in this connection, has been considering possible voluntary and educational measures in consultation with the trade and other sectors. We expect to be able to roll out the measures progressively with effect from Q2 of 2016.

In 2016-17, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department plans to create five additional civil service posts, involving an estimated annual expenditure of \$3.764 million, to

strengthen the executive and technical support for work relating to reduction of salt and sugar. Other manpower and expenditure required are absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)314**

**(Question Serial No. 6340)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the estimated expenditure for amending the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation in Hong Kong. Given that tea leaves imported into Taiwan have been detected with “fipronil” and “triazophos”, please also advise whether the Department will consider extending the coverage of the Regulation to these two pesticides for the protection of public health.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 260)

Reply:

The Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (Cap. 132CM) (“the Regulation”) regulates the level of pesticide residues in food. It specifies in Schedule 1 to the Regulation a list of maximum residue limits (MRLs)/ extraneous maximum residue limits (EMRLs) for certain pesticide-food pairs, i.e. the maximum concentrations of specified pesticide residues permitted in specified food commodities. For pesticide residues with no specified MRLs/EMRLs in Schedule 1, the Regulation stipulates that import or sale of food containing such pesticide residues is only allowed if the consumption of the food concerned is not dangerous or prejudicial to health. In 2015, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) tested tea leaves samples for “fipronil” and “triazophos”, two pesticides with no corresponding MRLs. Risk assessment<sup>1</sup> conducted by CFS on the level of pesticide residues detected

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<sup>1</sup>Risk assessment is a science-based method which has been well-recognised in the international arena. The acceptability of the potential risks upon consumption of a food sample containing pesticide residues is judged on the basis of comparison of safety reference values (e.g. acceptable daily intakes for long-term exposure, or acute reference dose for short-term exposure), with dietary exposure estimates as determined by appropriate exposure studies, i.e. on the outcome of risk assessment process. CFS conducts risk assessment on the detected level of pesticide residues in a food sample based on local food consumption pattern and the available safety reference values.

suggested that it was unlikely to pose adverse effect on consumers upon normal consumption.

The Regulation has been devised in a manner capable of embracing the evolving challenges brought by scientific development. As application of new pesticides to crops emerges, CFS will continue to monitor the latest international development, conduct risk assessment and consider amendments to the Regulation as necessary. The relevant expenditure of such work is absorbed from within the existing resources and manpower of CFS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)315**

**(Question Serial No. 6353)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the Department's expenditure and work involved in dealing with "reused oil" in 2015-16.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 274)

Reply:

In 2015, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) collected 760 samples of edible oils for testing. All were considered satisfactory. CFS does not keep separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower for taking edible oil samples for testing.

The Government intends to step up the regulation of the safety of edible fats and oils and the recycling of "waste cooking oils" in Hong Kong for the purposes of safeguarding food safety and promoting environmental protection. We launched a three-month public consultation in July 2015, and reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in December 2015 on the findings of the consultation and the Government's observations about the views collected. The Government is in the course of formulating specific regulatory proposals. Among others, CFS is planning to conduct consultancy studies for developing guidelines on good practice in "re-used oils" for reference by the catering industry. The details of the studies, including the scope and timetable, are currently under consideration. The estimated expenditure of the consultancy studies is about \$3 million. The CFS would engage the trade in the process. The manpower and expenditure required for developing the guidelines will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)316**

**(Question Serial No. 6355)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the regulation of the safety and quality standards of edible fats and oils and the recycling of waste cooking oils, please provide information on the Department's work plan and manpower involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 276)

Reply:

The Government conducted a public consultation on the regulatory proposals to regulate the safety and quality standards of edible fats and oils and the recycling of "waste cooking oils" (WCO) from July to October 2015. The views collected during the consultation exercise and the Government's observations were reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in December 2015. We are in the course of formulating specific regulatory proposals, taking into account the views of relevant stakeholders. We plan to put forward specific regulatory proposals in 2016-17.

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) is working with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to implement administrative measures to regulate the recycling of WCO by imposing an additional licensing condition on restaurant, factory, canteen, food factory or bakery that the WCO produced during the cooking process must be handed over to a collector registered by EPD. EPD has started to accept applications for registration under the administrative scheme starting from mid-February 2016. FEHD would be in a position to incorporate the licensing condition into new and renewed licences of aforesaid food premises only after EPD has confirmed that registered collectors have sufficient capacity to provide WCO collection service for them. The relevant expenditure in 2016-17 will be absorbed from within the existing resources and manpower of EPD and FEHD.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)317**

**(Question Serial No. 6682)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the revised estimate for 2015-16 is 1.4% higher than the year's original estimate, please advise whether the increase involved manpower and expenditure. Please also advise on the details.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 380)

Reply:

The revised estimate of \$1,025.0 million in this programme for 2015-16 is 1.4% higher than the original estimate. This is mainly due to salary increment and the increased operating expenses for pest control services. There is no change in the number of posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)318**

**(Question Serial No. 6683)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the estimate for 2016-17 is 0.8% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 381)

Reply:

The estimate of \$1,033.7 million in this programme for 2016–17 is 0.8% higher than the revised estimate for 2015–16. This is mainly due to creation of new posts and increased capital expenditure. There will be an increase of 31 posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)319**

**(Question Serial No. 6684)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the seminars/workshops on the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System, please advise on the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 382)

Reply:

The Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system is internationally acknowledged as an effective tool for enhancing food safety and reducing the risk of food poisoning. As the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has been promoting HACCP as an integral part of the overall education and promotion programmes on food safety, there is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved. In 2016, CFS plans to organize 33 seminars to promote HACCP. During the seminars, practice guidelines, bulletins and leaflets will be distributed to the food trade and the general public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)320**

**(Question Serial No. 6685)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the public consultation on regulation of nutrition claims and health claims for formula products and prepackaged food for infants and young children under the age of 36 months, please advise on the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 383)

Reply:

In order to better protect the health of infants and young children (IYC) under the age of 36 months, and to facilitate effective regulatory control over nutrition and health claims of formula products and IYC foods, the Government has proposed to establish a regulatory framework to enhance the regulation of nutrition and health claims on formula products and IYC foods. For this purpose, a public consultation exercise was launched in January 2015. The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene was briefed on the consultation document in February 2015. The Centre for Food Safety has arranged two public consultation forums, various meetings and briefings for members of the trade, health care professionals, pro-breastfeeding groups, consumer groups and Consulates General, before the consultation period ended in April 2015. The results of the consultation were reported to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in July 2015.

The Government is in the course of formulating specific regulatory proposals, taking into account the views of different stakeholders. The manpower and expenditure required for conducting the public consultation were absorbed from within existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)321**

**(Question Serial No. 6686)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the revised estimate for 2015-16 is 1.5% higher than the year's original estimate, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase involved manpower and expenditure. Please also advise on the details.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 384)

Reply:

The revised estimate of \$3,238.0 million in this programme for 2015-16 is 1.5% higher than the original estimate. This is mainly due to salary increment and the increased operating and capital expenses for environment hygiene and related services. There is no change in the number of posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)322**

**(Question Serial No. 6687)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the estimate for 2016-17 is 6.2% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure. Please also advise on the details.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 385)

Reply:

The estimate of \$3,440.3 million in this programme for 2016–17 is 6.2% higher than the revised estimate for 2015–16. This is mainly due to filling of vacancies, increased operating expenses for crematoria and columbaria services, as well as increased operating and capital expenses for street cleansing services. A total of 34 street washing vehicles will be replaced in 2016-17.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)323**

**(Question Serial No. 6688)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the details of plans and projects that the Department will continue to take forward for the provision of more crematorium and columbarium facilities, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 386)

Reply:

On public crematorium facilities, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) completed the reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium in 2015 to provide ten new cremators and ancillary facilities. The overall cremation capacity of all public crematoria has increased from 44 600 to 52 800 sessions per annum, which is expected to meet the projected demand up to 2025. In light of the demand and supply situation, there will be no provision of new public crematoria in 2016-17. We will continue to formulate plans to reprovision existing crematoria or build new ones with regard to the conditions of the existing crematoria and the projected demand for cremation services.

On public columbarium facilities, the Government has been promoting development of columbaria in all districts and identified 24 potential sites in the territory for columbarium development to increase the supply of public niches. Among these 24 sites, the construction of 1 540 new niches in the Diamond Hill Columbarium was completed in early 2012, while the construction of 1 000 niches in Cheung Chau Cemetery was completed in December 2013.

The Department has obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2015 for the construction of 160 000 niches at Tsang Tsui and construction works are scheduled for completion in 2019. The Department has also consulted and obtained the in-principle support of the relevant District Councils on the

construction of 855 niches at Wong Nai Chung Road, 20 000 niches at Tsing Tsuen Road, 200 000 niches at Sandy Ridge Cemetery, 25 000 niches at Chai Wan and 44 000 niches at Wo Hop Shek (Phase I). The next step is to proceed with the conceptual/detailed design, as applicable, of the relevant projects, and to seek funding approval for commencing site formation or construction works. The estimated cost for developing new columbarium facilities can only be ascertained upon finalisation of design details.

The Department deploys existing staff, who also perform other duties, to take forward the above projects. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower resources involved in such projects.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)324**

**(Question Serial No. 6689)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the revised estimate for 2015-16 is 3% higher than the year's original estimate, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase involved manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 387)

Reply:

The revised estimate of \$1,744.3 million in this programme for 2015-16 is 3% higher than the original estimate. This is mainly due to salary increment and the increased operating expenses for market management and hawker control. There is no change in the number of posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)325**

**(Question Serial No. 6690)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the estimate for 2016-17 is 8.7% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 388)

Reply:

The estimate of \$1,896.0 million in this programme for 2016–17 is 8.7% higher than the revised estimate for 2015–16. This is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, creation of new posts, increased operating and capital expenditure for market management, as well as increased expenditure under the Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas. There will be an increase of 39 posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)326**

**(Question Serial No. 6691)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Government has any plan to build a public market / a municipal services building at Yat Tung Estate in Tung Chung; if yes, the details and the location; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 389)

Reply:

The prevailing Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines with respect of the planning of public markets stipulate the relevant factors to be taken into consideration, including the population of the area (including the demographic mix), community needs, the provision of public and private market facilities nearby, the number of fresh provision retail outlets in the vicinity and the public sentiment towards the preservation of hawker areas. This approach is based on a holistic consideration of all relevant factors in the planning of public markets. When preparing or reviewing town plans, the Planning Department will consult the relevant policy bureaux and departments, so as to ascertain whether there is a need to reserve land for public markets.

Our focus is on facilitating convenient access on the part of the public to retail outlets in their neighbourhood for meeting their daily needs on food and other necessities. Currently, there exists a variety of channels for the public to purchase fresh food. Apart from public markets, many members of the public when purchasing fresh food may choose to patronise markets, supermarkets and various types of retail outlets operated by other public and private entities. Customer preference for different shopping venues in purchasing fresh food may evolve in tandem with changes in socio-economic circumstances, lifestyles, purchasing power and various other factors.

Providing a new public market requires the use of Government land and entails public financial commitment. Therefore, in considering whether a public market should be built,

we have to duly assess the need for the market and cost effectiveness in order to ensure that public resources are put to proper use. In fact, in the face of fierce competition and changing circumstances in individual communities, some public markets are facing relatively high vacancy rates and low customer flows. Also, the Audit Commission has in previous reports pointed out that, given the high cost of constructing a new public market, the relevant principles should be strictly adhered to.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department currently has no plan to build any public market or municipal services building in Tung Chung but we would, taking into account the considerations outlined above, keep the situation under review.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)327**

**(Question Serial No. 6692)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Government has any plan to build a public market / a municipal services building at Belvedere Garden in Tsuen Wan; if yes, the details and the location; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 390)

Reply:

The prevailing Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines with respect to the planning of public markets stipulate the relevant factors to be taken into consideration, including the population of the area (including the demographic mix), community needs, the provision of public and private market facilities nearby, the number of fresh provision retail outlets in the vicinity and the public sentiment towards the preservation of hawker areas. This approach is based on a holistic consideration of all relevant factors in the planning of public markets. When preparing or reviewing town plans, the Planning Department will consult the relevant policy bureaux and departments, so as to ascertain whether there is a need to reserve land for public markets.

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The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department currently has no plan to build any public market or municipal services building in Tsuen Wan but we would, taking into account the considerations outlined above, keep the situation under review.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)328****(Question Serial No. 4440)**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 provide information on the Government's expenditure on food safety testing in the past five years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2015-16):

Year	Total weight of samples taken for testing	Number of test cases	Manpower and expenditure involved	Total expenditure
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015				

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 115)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep record on the total weight of samples taken for testing. Other information sought is provided as follows –

Financial Year	Number of samples tested (on a calendar year basis)	Number of staff involved in Food Surveillance and Complaint Section (FSCS)	Total expenditure of FSCS (\$ million)	Number of staff involved in Food Import and Export Section (FIES)	Total expenditure of FIES (\$ million)
2011-12	64 638	110	49.7	215	106
2012-13	64 923	112	54.7	259	116.9

2013-14	64 387	115	57.3	268	138.4
2014-15	64 219	115	61.6	266	147
2015-16 (revised estimate)	64 432	115	65.3	266	152.6

Apart from food surveillance, FSCS and FIES are involved in other duties, such as handling of food complaints and registration of food importers and distributors. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditures incurred by FSCS and FIES on food surveillance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)329****(Question Serial No. 4442)**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 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 five years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2015-16).

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
2011			
2012			
2013			
2014			
2015			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 117)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep record on the total weight of imported vegetable samples taken for testing. The information available is provided on a calendar year basis as follows –

Year	Total weight of imported vegetables* (tonnes)	Total number of vegetable samples taken for testing	Number of vegetable samples not meeting food safety or good agricultural practice standards#
2011	708 218	19 682	19
2012	836 811	19 668	17
2013	826 107	20 275	7
2014	819 198	20 064	40
2015	829 530	22 239	97

Remarks:

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

# The Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation came into effect in August 2014. The caseload of 2015 hence reflects the full-year effect after the implementation of the Regulation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)330**

**(Question Serial No. 4469)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (603) Plant, vehicles and equipment

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In view of the rampant outbreaks of influenza in recent years, members of the public are more concerned about the cleanliness of streets. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is therefore required to step up the cleansing of environmental hygiene blackspots. Yet, there are complaints about the severe shortage of street washing vehicles.

In this connection, I support the increase in the financial provision from \$22 million to \$66 million under Subhead 603 Plant, vehicles and equipment in this year's Estimates, which is 192% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. Please advise on the increase in number and the total number of street washing vehicles, whether there is any increase in the frequency of street washing at the blackspots after procurement of additional street washing vehicles, and what change will take place in the locations for cleansing by street washing vehicles.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 145)

Reply:

As at 29 February 2016, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has 100 street washing vehicles (SWVs) under its deployment. Of these, 28 are owned by the Department and 72 are provided by its contractors under the street cleansing contracts. In 2016-17, the Department will replace 34 of the Department's SWVs (including six spare SWVs), and will deploy four additional SWVs and seven high pressure hot water cleanser teams to enhance street washing services.

Most streets are washed at a frequency of up to twice per week, depending on the actual situations on the ground. For specific locations such as hygiene black spots or areas with conglomeration of wild birds, the Department will conduct street washing up to once daily. The Department will closely monitor the cleanliness and hygiene condition of public places

including hygiene black spots and adjust the frequency of street washing services provided thereto as and when necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)331**

**(Question Serial No. 4470)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Department provides public cleansing services mainly through outsourcing. Yet, it still needs to deploy manpower to monitor the quality of services provided by the contractors and has the responsibility to oversee whether the contractors have breached the labour laws or exploited the outsourced workers.

Please provide information on the following:

1. the number and ranks of civil servants involved as well as the expenditure required in overseeing the performance of cleansing contractors in respect of the various types of outsourced cleansing services;
2. the number of demerit points given and, among them, the number given for breaches of contractual obligations relating to wages in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2015-16); and
3. the number of cases in which contractors were penalised for violating the Standard Employment Contract or the Employment Ordinance as well as the penalties imposed by the Department during the same period.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 146)

Reply:

1. The number of civil servants in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) involved in supervising the service performance of cleansing contractors, as at 29 February 2016, is as follows –

<b>Rank of civil servants</b>	<b>No. of civil servants</b>	<b>Expenditure incurred</b>
Senior Health Inspector	46	These civil servants also perform other duties, such as law enforcement and venue management. There is no breakdown of expenditure by type of duties.
Health Inspector	67	
Overseer	27	
Senior Foreman	287	
Foreman	43	
Senior Hawker Control Officer	8	
Assistant Hawker Control Officer	19	
<b>Total</b>	<b>497</b>	

2. The number of demerit points registered against contractors by the Department in the past five years is as follows –

	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016)</b>
<b>No. of demerit points</b>	1(1)	2(1)	0	1(0)	0

The number of demerit points registered in connection with wages is given in brackets.

3. The number of breaches of the Standard Employment Contract or the Employment Ordinance ( Cap. 57) committed by contractors in the past five years is as follows –

	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016)</b>
<b>No. of cases</b>	1	2	0	1	0

Under the demerit point system, any breach of contractual obligations in connection with wage level; daily maximum working hours; the signing of the standard employment contract with non-skilled workers; and the payment of wages by means of autopay to them will lead to the issuance of a default notice. Each default notice

attracts one demerit point. For any contractor who has, over a rolling period of 36 months, accumulated three demerit points obtained on or after 1 May 2006 from one or more government departments, its tender offer for service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers will not be considered for the next five years. A contractor will also be debarred from tendering for such service contracts for a period of five years if he has any conviction under the relevant sections of the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) and the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282), which individually carry maximum fines corresponding to Level 5 or higher within the meaning of Schedule 8 to the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)332****(Question Serial No. 4471)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

The high vacancy rate, poor environment and improper management of public markets and cooked food stalls have all along been subject to criticism. In recent years, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has allocated resources to upgrade these facilities and enhance their competitiveness.

In this connection, please advise on the works and measures that, apart from retrofitting air-conditioning systems, the Department has carried out to improve the hardware and software of the markets, and whether evaluation (such as patronage survey, business volume survey and questionnaire survey) has been made to assess the effectiveness of these improvement works.

Please also provide information on the operating expenditure on markets and cooked food stalls in the table below:

(\$ million)	Expenditure	Revenue	Surplus/Deficit	Expenditure on market improvement works	Vacancy rate (%)
2011-12					
2012-13					
2013-14					
2014-15					
2015-16					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 147)

Reply:

As an on-going initiative, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has been conducting promotional activities to enhance the patronage of public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will continue to let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce more service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

The consultant which the Food and Health Bureau commissioned in 2013 completed its study in 2015 and recommended measures to improve the operating environment of public markets. The consultant selected six representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The Government is following up the Consultant's improvement proposals for the six selected markets in phases. The Department consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies, work out the estimated costs and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works at those two markets. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the remaining four markets in 2016-17.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The scope of works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external walls, refurbishment of toilets, etc.

The operating expenditure on public markets (including cooked food markets) in the past five years is tabulated as follows -

	<b>Revenue (\$ million)</b>	<b>Operating expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Deficit (\$ million)</b>	<b>Expenditure on market improvement works (\$ million)</b>	<b>Vacancy rate* (as at 31 December)</b>
2011-12	407.1	575.0	167.9	4.0	12.4%
2012-13	408.7	628.8	220.1	5.1	10.5%
2013-14	411.4	648.7	237.3	22.2	9.6%
2014-15	413.2	741.0	327.8	9.5	8.8%
2015-16 (Revised estimate)	421.1	738.1	317.0	11.2	8.9%

\* Vacant stalls refer to those that are not leased. They include those that are frozen for reasons such as forthcoming improvement works.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)333**

**(Question Serial No. 4472)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide in tabular form information on the following in respect of the years from 2011-12 to 2015-16:

1. the number of Workman II (WM II) in the Department, the types of services provided and the number of WM II engaged in each type of services;
2. the year-on-year percentage change;
3. the reason(s) for the decrease in the number of WM II, if any, as well as the reasons for not replenishing the manpower; and
4. whether the Department has set a minimum manpower requirement for WM II for each type of services and whether the relevant requirement is met; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 148)

Reply:

The number of Workman II (WM II) in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), the types of services provided and the number of WM II engaged in each type of services as well as the year-on-year percentage change are tabulated as follows –

<b>Types of Services provided by WM II</b>	<b>Number of WM II</b>				
	<b>2011-12 (as at 31.3.2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31.3.2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31.3.2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31.3.2015)</b>	<b>2015-16 (as at 29.2.2016)</b>
Public Cleansing	2 113	2 101	2 096	2 021	2 081
Pest Control in public places	426	424	406	398	407
Other services (e.g. removal/disposal of dead bodies, cemeteries/crematoria related services, support services to food safety, slaughterhouses, depots and markets etc.)	370	381	388	381	388
<b>Total (Year-on-year % change)</b>	<b>2 909</b>	<b>2 906 (-0.1%)</b>	<b>2 890 (-0.6%)</b>	<b>2 800 (-3.1%)</b>	<b>2 876 (+2.7%)</b>

While the Department has not set a minimum manpower requirement for WM II for each type of services, we consider it appropriate to maintain a core workforce of about 3 000 civil servant WM II currently. Recruitment exercises are conducted from time to time to fill vacancies arising from natural wastage. The strength of WM II has remained steady throughout the years and the number of WM II in 2016-17 is expected to remain at a similar level as in previous years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)334**

**(Question Serial No. 4473)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide in tabular form information on the following in respect of the years from 2011-12 to 2015-16:

1. the number of outsourced security guards in the Department and the services provided;
2. the total expenditure on outsourced security services;
3. the percentage of the Department's security services outsourced; and
4. the percentage of change of each of the above items.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 149)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
Number of outsourced security guards in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) (Note)	499 (+3.3%)	508 (+1.8%)	495 (-2.6%)	559 (+12.9%)	553 (-1.1%)

Services provided	Security guard services include the provision of security guards, electronic checkpoint systems and walkie-talkies for various venues including public markets, municipal services buildings, depots and public cemeteries and crematoria.				
Total expenditure on outsourced security services	\$47.4 million (+4.2%)	\$54.6 million (+15.2%)	\$63.9 million (+17.0%)	\$68.3 million (+6.9%)	\$72.8 million (Revised Estimate) (+6.6%)
Percentage of the Department's security services outsourced	100% (-)	100% (-)	100% (-)	100% (-)	100% (-)

Figures in ( ) denote the percentage change as compared with the previous year.

Note: The figures reflect the position as of 31 March of the financial year, except for 2015-16 where the figure reflects the position as of 31.12.2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)335**

**(Question Serial No. 4474)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide in tabular form information on the following in respect of the years from 2011-12 to 2015-16:

1. the number of contract staff in the Department and the services provided;
2. the expenditure on each type of contractual services and their respective percentage;
3. the total expenditure on contractual services; and
4. the percentage of change of each of the above items.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 150)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

	<b>2011-12 (as at 31.3.2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31.3.2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31.3.2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31.3.2015)</b>	<b>2015-16 (as at 31.12.2015)</b>
Number of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff (Note 1)	343	297 (-13%)	269 (-9%)	216 (-20%)	241

	<b>2011-12 (as at 31.3.2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31.3.2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31.3.2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31.3.2015)</b>	<b>2015-16 (as at 31.12.2015)</b>
Type and expenditure of services provided by NCSC staff (Note 1)					
• Handling water seepage and other environmental hygiene related complaints	\$18.5 million [27%]	\$19.2 million [29%] (+4%)	\$19.6 million [31%] (+2%)	\$21.9 million [33%] (+12%)	\$12 million [32%]
• Providing food safety support services	\$15.8 million [23%]	\$13.9 million [21%] (-12%)	\$13.5 million [21%] (-3%)	\$14.7 million [22%] (+9%)	\$6.2 million [16%]
• Undertaking market management duties	\$11.5 million [17%]	\$12.2 million [19%] (+6%)	\$13.1 million [20%] (+7%)	\$14.1 million [21%] (+8%)	\$9.8 million [26%]
• Providing support services in cemeteries	\$11.2 million [17%]	\$9.9 million [15%] (-12%)	\$9.1 million [14%] (-8%)	\$8.5 million [13%] (-7%)	\$5.3 million [14%]
• Providing administrative / executive support services	\$7.5 million [11%]	\$7.6 million [12%] (+1%)	\$5.8 million [9%] (-24%)	\$4.4 million [7%] (-24%)	\$3.1 million [8%]
• Undertaking cleansing and other support services	\$3.3 million [5%]	\$2.8 million [4%] (-15%)	\$2.9 million [5%] (+4%)	\$2.5 million [4%] (-14%)	\$1.5 million [4%]
Total expenditure on services provided by NCSC staff (Note 1)	\$67.8 million	\$65.6 million (-3%)	\$64 million (-2%)	\$66.1 million (+3%)	\$37.9 million

*Figures in [ ] denote the respective percentage out of total expenditure on services provided by NCSC staff in the year*

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

Note 1: Figures for 2015-16 cover 9 months while those for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 cover the entire 12 months. Only year-on-year changes between the full-year expenditure are provided above.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)336**

**(Question Serial No. 4475)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the outsourced public cleansing services, please provide information as per the table below:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced street cleansing			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced service			
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced waste collection			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced service			
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced mechanical gully emptying			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced service			
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in other outsourced services (please specify)			
Percentage of change / percentage of outsourced services			



Total expenditure on / total number of staff involved in outsourced services			
Percentage of change			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 151)

Reply:

The information sought is given below –

	<b>2013-14</b> <b>(as at 31.3.2014)</b> <b>(Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at 31.3.2015)</b> <b>(Actual)</b>	<b>2015-16</b> <b>(as at 29.2.2016)</b> <b>(Revised Estimate)</b>
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced street cleansing ( <i>Note 1</i> )	\$833.8 million / 7 310	\$881.7 million / 7 197	\$926.1 million / 7 031
Percentage change ( <i>Note 2</i> ) in – (a) expenditure (b) number of staff Percentage of outsourced service ( <i>Note 3</i> )	+13.6 % +2.5% 77%	+5.7 % -1.5% 77%	+5.0 % -2.3% 77%
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced waste collection	\$141.2 million / 289	\$147.0 million / 291	\$172.5 million / 292
Percentage change ( <i>Note 2</i> ) in – (a) expenditure (b) number of staff Percentage of outsourced service ( <i>Note 4</i> )	+7.7 % +3.2% 73%	+4.1 % +0.7% 73%	+17.3 % +0.3% 73%
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in outsourced mechanical gully emptying	\$6.3 million / 17	\$6.5 million / 17	\$6.5 million / 17
Percentage change ( <i>Note 2</i> ) in – (a) expenditure (b) number of staff Percentage of outsourced service ( <i>Note 5</i> )	+10.5 % -19.0% 81%	+3.2 % ±0% 81%	±0% ±0% 82%
Expenditure on / number of staff involved in other outsourced services ( <i>Note 6</i> )	\$47.6 million / 219	\$55.2 million / 233	\$58.5 million / 233

	<b>2013-14</b> <b>(as at 31.3.2014)</b> <b>(Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at 31.3.2015)</b> <b>(Actual)</b>	<b>2015-16</b> <b>(as at 29.2.2016)</b> <b>(Revised Estimate)</b>
Percentage change ( <i>Note 2</i> ) in –			
(a) expenditure	+7.9 %	+16.0 %	+6.0 %
(b) number of staff	-3.1%	6.4%	±0%
Percentage of outsourced services	100%	100%	100%
Total expenditure on / total number of staff involved in outsourced services	\$1,028.9 million / 7 835	\$1,090.4 million / 7 738	\$1,163.6 million / 7 573
Percentage change ( <i>Note 2</i> ) in –			
(a) total expenditure	+12.4 %	+6.0 %	+6.7 %
(b) total number of staff	+2.3%	-1.2%	-2.1%

### Note

1. “Number of staff” refers to the number of contractors’ staff involved in providing the outsourced street cleansing services.
2. “Percentage change in expenditure and number of staff” represents the year-on-year percentage change.
3. “Percentage of outsourced street cleansing service” represents the percentage of the total number of street sweeping workers employed by the contractors against the total number of street sweeping workers (i.e. contractors’ staff and in-house staff) providing the service.
4. “Percentage of outsourced waste collection service” represents the percentage of the total waste yield handled by the contractors against the total waste yield handled by the Food and Environment Hygiene Department (the Department).
5. “Percentage of outsourced mechanical gully emptying service” represents the percentage of the total number of gullies handled by the contractors against the total number of gullies that require the mechanical gully emptying service of the Department.
6. “Other outsourced cleansing services” include mechanical street sweeping service, animal carcasses collection service, cleansing and waste removal services for special sites or areas, desludging and mid-night conservancy service, portable toilet service, recyclables collection service and lavatory hygiene service.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)337****(Question Serial No. 4476)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please provide in tabular form information on the following:

1. the number of outsourced workers (including cleansing workers and security guards) and contract staff in the Department with salaries currently calculated on the basis of "net working hours", i.e. no payment for meal breaks, as well as their job types; and
2. the amount of expenditure in respect of the job types mentioned above if payments for meal breaks have to be made (estimated on the basis of their median hourly wages).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 152)Reply:

1. The information sought is provided as follows-

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep information on the number of outsourced workers with or without paid meal breaks. As for non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff without paid meal breaks, their respective types of duties are as follows –

Type of Duties	Number (as at 31.12.2015)
Handling water seepage complaints	64
Undertaking market management duties	83
Providing support services in cemeteries	29
Providing food safety support services	24

Undertaking cleansing and other support services	16
Total:	216

2. The remuneration offered to NCSC staff is an all-inclusive pay package which has taken into account a host of considerations, such as condition of the employment market, recruitment results and cost of living, etc., to ensure that the pay is set at a rate which is competitive in the market, thus enabling the Department to recruit and retain suitable NCSC staff. Given the "all-inclusive" nature of the pay package, information on individual elements, whether being covered by the pay package or not, cannot be provided separately.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)338**

**(Question Serial No. 4481)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the staff establishment and operational expenses for Programme (2), please provide information on the following:

1. the expenses on staff salaries, allowances and job-related allowances respectively as well as the personnel related expenses;
2. among the 5 698 staff, the number of staff on Directorate Pay Scale and their ranks;
3. the expenses pertaining to directorate civil servants in respect of each of the items mentioned in Point (1) and their percentage; and
4. the amount of departmental expenses and non-recurrent expenses (if any) for this programme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 157)

Reply:

1. The estimated provision for staff salaries, allowances and job-related allowances as well as the personnel related expenses under Programme (2) for 2016-17 is as follows:

	<b>\$ million</b>
Salaries	1,439.6
Allowances and job-related allowances	66.6
Personnel related expenses (i.e. Mandatory Provident Fund and Civil Service Provident Fund contributions)	77.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,584.0</b>

2. The establishment of 5 698 staff in Programme (2) includes its share of one D3 officer and three D2 officers whose major duties are related to both Programmes (2) and (3), as well as its share of other relevant directorate officers in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department who are responsible for indirect supervision or support functions for the programme.
3. The share of the salaries of the four directorate officers in question is \$4.7 million in 2016-17 which represents 0.33% of the total provision for salaries under Programme (2). The share of the relevant expenses of other directorate officers under the programme is not readily available.
4. The estimated provision for departmental expenses and capital/non-recurrent expenditure is \$1,768.7 million and \$87.3 million respectively for this programme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)339**

**(Question Serial No. 5674 )**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of existing crematoria and cremators.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 359)

Reply:

There are six crematoria managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. The number of cremators in each crematorium is as follows –

<b>Name of Crematorium</b>	<b>Number of Cremator</b>
Cape Collinson	10
Diamond Hill	6
Fu Shan	4
Kwai Chung	4
Cheung Chau	2
Wo Hop Shek	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>32</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)340****(Question Serial No. 5675 )**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please provide information on the utilisation rates of the crematoria and cremators in the past three years. Please also advise whether additional crematoria and cremators will be provided in the next three years in view of the aging population; if yes, the number of additional facilities to be provided; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 360)Reply:

Information on the number of cremation sessions released, cremation sessions booked and the percentage of cremation sessions booked in public crematoria managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past three calendar years is given below –

Name of Crematorium	2013			2014			2015		
	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked
Cape Collinson	7 992	7 844	98.1%	7 798	7 789	99.9%	8 288	8 283	99.9%
Diamond Hill	8 499	8 439	99.3%	8 480	8 466	99.8%	7 896	7 887	99.9%
Fu Shan	6 948	6 800	97.9%	6 897	6 885	99.8%	6 960	6 949	99.8%
Kwai Chung	8 265	8 250	99.8%	7 331	7 325	99.9%	8 448	8 443	99.9%
Cheung Chau	1 728	164	9.5%	1 321	168	12.7%	1 308	195	14.9%
Wo Hop Shek	7 539	7 417	98.4%	10 635	10 611	99.8%	10 998	10 980	99.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40 971</b>	<b>38 914</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>42 462</b>	<b>41 244</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>43 898</b>	<b>42 737</b>	<b>97.4%</b>

Reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium to provide ten new cremators and ancillary facilities was completed in December 2015. The overall cremation capacity of all



public crematoria has increased from 44 600 to 52 800 sessions per annum, which is expected to meet the projected demand up to 2025. In light of the demand and supply situation, there will be no additional public crematoria or cremators provided in the next three years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)341****(Question Serial No. 5676 )**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the usage rate of the burial spaces in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 361)Reply:

The information sought is given below –

- (a) The usage rates of the coffin burial spaces at each public cemetery in the past three calendar years were as follows –

Name of Cemetery	2013			2014			2015		
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Wo Hop Shek	5 772	9 469	61.0%	5 520	9 469	58.3%	5 313	9 469	56.1%
Sandy Ridge	2 880	5 010	57.5%	2 555	5 010	51.0%	2 487	5 010	49.6%
Cheung Chau	616	1 260	48.9%	609	1 260	48.3%	594	1 260	47.1%
Tai O	109	420	26.0%	106	420	25.2%	105	420	25.0%
Lai Chi Yuen	146	276	52.9%	137	276	49.6%	134	276	48.6%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9 523</b>	<b>16 435</b>	<b>57.9%</b>	<b>8 927</b>	<b>16 435</b>	<b>54.3%</b>	<b>8 633</b>	<b>16 435</b>	<b>52.5%</b>

Legend : (i) No. of allocated coffin burial spaces

(ii) Total no. of coffin burial spaces

(iii) Percentage of coffin burial spaces allocated

- (b) The usage rates of the urn burial spaces at each public cemetery in the past three calendar years were as follows –

Name of Cemetery	2013			2014			2015		
	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
Wo Hop Shek	82 598	112 872	73.2%	82 477	112 918	73.0%	82 549	112 936	73.1%
Sandy Ridge	31 877	37 831	84.3%	31 889	37 780	84.4%	31 839	37 734	84.4%
Cheung Chau	12 150	13 462	90.3%	12 122	13 462	90.0%	12 143	13 462	90.2%
Tai O	99	274	36.1%	103	274	37.6%	108	274	39.4%
Lai Chi Yuen	216	332	65.1%	228	332	68.7%	235	332	70.8%
Diamond Hill Urn Cemetery (declared closed since 1961)	52 707	52 707	100%	52 670	52 670	100%	52 635	52 635	100%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>179 647</b>	<b>217 478</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>179 489</b>	<b>217 436</b>	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>179 509</b>	<b>217 373</b>	<b>82.6%</b>

Legend : (iv) No. of allocated urn burial spaces

(v) Total no. of urn burial spaces

(vi) Percentage of urn burial spaces allocated

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)342**

**(Question Serial No. 5678)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (non-cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were over 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 363)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed non-cooked food hawkers in 2013, 2014 and 2015 is 8 858, 7 340 and 6 853 respectively. Information about the age profile of the arrested is not readily available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)343**

**(Question Serial No. 5679)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were over 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 364)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed cooked food hawkers in 2013, 2014 and 2015 is 95, 84 and 92 respectively. Information about the age profile of the arrested is not readily available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)344**

**(Question Serial No. 5680)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (non-cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were under 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 365)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed non-cooked food hawkers in 2013, 2014 and 2015 is 8 858, 7 340 and 6 853 respectively. Information about the age profile of the arrested is not readily available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)345**

**(Question Serial No. 5681)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were under 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 366)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed cooked food hawkers in 2013, 2014 and 2015 is 95, 84 and 92 respectively. Information about the age profile of the arrested is not readily available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)346**

**(Question Serial No. 5682)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the total number of unlicensed hawkers arrested in the past five years who did not possess the Hong Kong Identity Card.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 367)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed hawkers who did not possess the Hong Kong Identity Card in each of the past five years is as follows:

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>No. of arrests</b>
2011	8
2012	8
2013	18
2014	21
2015	25

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)347**

**(Question Serial No. 5683)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will, in response to public opinions, re-issue itinerant hawker licences in the coming year; if yes, when; if not, why.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 368)

Reply:

Itinerant hawkers usually gather at prime locations when in operation. They impede pedestrian and/or vehicular flow with their trolleys and goods and bring about environmental hygiene and general nuisance concerns. The Government has no plan to issue any itinerant hawker licence in the coming year.

Nonetheless, we keep an open mind towards proposals for developing the hawker trade or the establishment of open-air bazaars or night markets with local characteristics, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, public passageways are not obstructed and local community support is obtained. If suitable sites are identified and support from the relevant district councils has been obtained and provided that food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, we stand ready to facilitate liaison with the relevant government departments. Existing resources will continue to be deployed to carry out the said facilitation work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)348**

**(Question Serial No. 4933)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2), the work of the department involves abating environmental nuisances relating to dripping air-conditioners and water seepage and clean up environmental hygiene blackspots. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

The number of complaints against environmental nuisances caused by dripping air-conditioners and water seepage in the past three years; the average time taken to handle these complaints; the number of prosecutions instituted; the manpower and expenditure involved in handling these complaints; whether additional resources and manpower will be provided by the Department in the coming year for handling complaints against environmental nuisances caused by dripping air-conditioners and water seepage (if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s)); and whether the Department will pull back the Health Inspectors from stage three of the investigation of water seepage complaints and review the manpower shortage problem (if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s)).

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

The information sought is given below –

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, there were 18 215, 19 722 and 23 431 complaints against water dripping from air-conditioners received by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD). The corresponding number of prosecutions instituted was 6, 3 and 7 respectively.

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, there were 28 504, 27 896 and 29 617 complaints against water seepage received by the Joint Offices of the Buildings Department (BD) and FEHD (JO). The corresponding number of prosecutions instituted was 96, 88 and 61 respectively.

The time taken for investigation of individual complaints varies from case to case depending on, among other things, the nature and complexity of the cases and whether the relevant owners and occupants are cooperative, etc.

At present, about 290 Health Inspectors (HI) in FEHD are deployed to 19 district environmental hygiene offices across the territory to handle environmental hygiene issues, including handling environmental hygiene complaints such as water dripping from air-conditioners. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in handling such complaints. As the nuisances caused by water dripping from air-conditioners tend to cluster in the summer months, there is usually a substantial increase in the workload of FEHD during the same period. To reduce the work pressure of frontline officers, FEHD implemented a pilot scheme in the summer of 2014 and 2015 to hire additional staff on short-term contracts to help handle the problems of dripping air-conditioners in the districts. In the summer of 2016, a team of 20 contract staff will be recruited to enhance education and enforcement actions, focusing on buildings located in blackspots where the problem of dripping air-conditioners persists.

In 2015-16, the operation of the JO involves 64 professional and technical staff from BD as well as 219 staff from FEHD. The estimated staffing provision and departmental expenses incurred by BD and FEHD for the operation of the JO are \$30 million and \$81 million respectively. To improve the efficiency of the JO, 30 staff on short-term contracts have been replaced by 30 HIs in 2015. FEHD plans to replace another 35 contract staff with the same number of permanent HI posts in 2016-17.

The JO seeks to provide co-ordinated services in handling water seepage complaints. FEHD has been working with BD to streamline workflow and procedures to improve the services to the public. We will continue to identify scope for improvement in the work processes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)349****(Question Serial No. 4089)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the engagement of “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2015-16 (the latest position)
Number of outsourced service contracts	( )
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	( )
Length of service contract for each outsourced service provider	( )
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	( )
Positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing, information technology, etc.)	
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers	
• \$30,001 or above	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )
• \$6,240 - \$6,500	( )
• below \$6,240	( )
Length of service of outsourced workers	
• over 15 years	( )
• 10 - 15 years	( )
• 5 - 10 years	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )
• less than 1 year	( )

Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department	( )
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	( )
Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments/ contract gratuities	( )
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	( )
Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of outsourced workers with paid meal breaks	( )
Number of outsourced workers without paid meal breaks	( )
Number of outsourced workers working five days a week	( )
Number of outsourced workers working six days a week	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2014-15*

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

	2015-16 (As at 31.12.2015)
Number of outsourced service contracts	147(-0.68%)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$1,796.9 million (estimate) <sup>Note1</sup> (+1.4%)
Length of service contract for each outsourced service provider	Please see Table below
Number of workers engaged by outsourced service providers	11 883(+0.1% )
Positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing, information technology, etc.)	Outsourced workers provide various types of services including cleansing, public toilet management, pest control, security, etc.
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers • \$30,001 or above	0 (±0%)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$16,001 - \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 - \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 - \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 - \$6,500</li> <li>• below \$6,240</li> </ul>	3 (+50%) 11 880 (+252.4%) 0 (-100%) 0 (±0%) 0 (±0%)
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over 15 years</li> <li>• 10 - 15 years</li> <li>• 5 - 10 years</li> <li>• 3 - 5 years</li> <li>• 1 - 3 years</li> <li>• less than 1 year</li> </ul>	Note 2
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department	The ratio of the number of contractor staff to the number of staff of the Department 103.9% (±0 percentage points)
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	The ratio of amount paid to outsourced service providers to the amount of departmental staff cost 57.5% (+0.6 percentage points)
Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments/ contract gratuities	Note 3
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	Note 3
Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	Note 3
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	Note 3
Number of outsourced workers with paid meal breaks Number of outsourced workers without paid meal breaks	Note 3
Number of outsourced workers working five days a week Number of outsourced workers working six days a week	Note 3

*Figures in ( ) denote the percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2014-15*

**Table: Length of service contracts**

	<b>2015-16</b> <b>(No. as at 31.12.2015)</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(No. as at 31.12.2014)</b>
Below 1 year	1	1
1 year	1	0
2 years	125	127
3 years	2	2
5 years	18	18
Total no. of contracts:	147	148

Note 1: Estimate for the whole financial year.

Note 2: The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep information on the length of service of outsourced workers. As long as the contract requirements are complied with, the contractor may arrange any qualified staff to provide the services.

Note 3: The Department does not keep the information sought for the items in question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)350****(Question Serial No. 4090)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the engagement of “agency workers”, please provide the following information:

	2015-16 (the latest position)
Number of contracts engaging employment agencies (EAs)	( )
Contract sum paid to each EA	( )
Length of service contract for each EA	( )
Number of agency workers	( )
Positions held by agency workers	
Monthly salary range of agency workers	
• \$30,001 or above	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )
• \$6,240 - \$ 6,500	( )
• below \$6,240	( )
Length of service of agency workers	
• over 15 years	( )
• 10 - 15 years	( )
• 5 - 10 years	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )
• less than 1 year	( )



Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the Department	( )
Percentage of amount paid to EAs in the total departmental staff cost	( )
Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities	( )
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	( )
Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of workers with paid meal breaks	( )
Number of workers without paid meal breaks	( )
Number of workers working five days a week	( )
Number of workers working six days a week	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2014-15*

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

	<b>2015-16 (as at 30.9.2015)</b>
Number of contracts engaging employment agencies (EAs)	11 (+83%)
Contract sum paid to each EA	\$82,000 to \$668,000
Length of service contract for each EA	6 to 9 months
Number of agency workers	12 (+50%)
Positions held by agency workers	Agency workers mainly undertake general office support duties and research-related work.

Monthly salary range of agency workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,001 or above</li> <li>• \$16,001 - \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 - \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 - \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 - \$ 6,500</li> <li>• below \$6,240</li> </ul>	Note 1
Length of service of agency workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over 15 years</li> <li>• 10 - 15 years</li> <li>• 5 - 10 years</li> <li>• 3 - 5 years</li> <li>• 1 - 3 years</li> <li>• less than 1 year</li> </ul>	Note 2
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the Department (Note 3)	0.1% (+0.03 percentage point)
Percentage of amount paid to EAs in the total departmental staff cost	0.1% (±0 percentage point)
Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments/ contract gratuities	Note 1
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	
Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	
Number of workers with paid meal breaks Number of workers without paid meal breaks	Note 4
Number of workers working five days a week	12 (+50%)
Number of workers working six days a week	0 (±0%)

Figures in ( ) denote the percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2014-15

The above excludes the procurement of services from contract staff providing information technology service under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

- Note 1: The wage levels, terms of employment and contractual terms are agreed upon between the agency workers and their employment agencies when they enter into employment contracts. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not have such information. Nevertheless, there are provisions in the contracts between the Department and the employment agencies requiring the latter to comply with Hong Kong laws in force during the contract period, including the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) and the Minimum Wage Ordinance (Cap. 608).
- Note 2: The Department does not keep information on the years of service of agency workers. As long as the contract requirements are complied with, the employment agencies may arrange any qualified staff to provide the services.
- Note 3: The comparison is made with the figure as at 30.9.2014. It is not representative of the situation for the financial year concerned.
- Note 4: The Department does not keep information on the number of agency workers with/without paid meal break.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)351****(Question Serial No. 4091)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the employment of “non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff”, please provide the following information:

	2015-16 (the latest position)
Number of NCSC staff	( )
Positions held by NCSC staff	
Expenditure on salaries for NCSC staff	( )
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	
• \$30,001 or above	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )
• \$6,240 - \$6,500	( )
• below \$6,240	( )
Length of service of NCSC staff	
• over 15 years	( )
• 10 - 15 years	( )
• 5 - 10 years	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )
• less than 1 year	( )
Number of NCSC staff converted to civil servants	( )

Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	( )
Percentage of NCSC staff cost in the total departmental staff cost	( )
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities	( )
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	( )
Number of NCSC staff with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	( )
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	( )
Number of NCSC staff working five days a week	( )
Number of NCSC staff working six days a week	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2014-15*

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

	<b>2015-16 (as at 31.12.2015)</b>
Number of NCSC staff	241 (+4%)
Positions held by NCSC staff	NCSC staff mainly undertake market management duties, handle water seepage complaints and provide support services in cemeteries and offices.
Expenditure on salaries for NCSC staff	\$37.9 million (-20%)

<p>Monthly salary range of NCSC staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,001 or above</li> <li>• \$16,001 - \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 - \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 - \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 - \$6,500</li> <li>• below \$6,240</li> </ul>	<p>5 (-29%)</p> <p>125 (+1%)</p> <p>111 (+11%)</p> <p>0 (±0%)</p> <p>0 (±0%)</p> <p>0 (±0%)</p>
<p>Length of service of NCSC staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over 15 years</li> <li>• 10 - 15 years</li> <li>• 5 - 10 years</li> <li>• 3 - 5 years</li> <li>• 1 - 3 years</li> <li>• less than 1 year</li> </ul>	<p>12 (Note 1)</p> <p>33 (-11%)</p> <p>39 (-9%)</p> <p>41 (-34%)</p> <p>50 (-6%)</p> <p>66 (+83%)</p>
Number of NCSC staff converted to civil servants	Note 2
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	2% (±0 percentage point)
Percentage of NCSC staff cost in the total departmental staff cost	2% (±0 percentage point)
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities	104 (-18%)

Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	\$2.1 million (-5%)
Number of NCSC staff with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	0 (-100%)
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	\$0 (-100%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	25 (+4%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	216 (+4%)
Number of NCSC staff working five days a week	119 (+4%)
Number of NCSC staff working six days a week	122 (+4%)

*Figures in ( ) denote the percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2014-15*

Note 1: There was no NCSC staff with length of service over 15 years in the same period in 2014-15.

Note 2: Relevant information is not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FHB(FE)352**

**(Question Serial No. 3449)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 148 of his 2015-16 Budget Speech, "I asked all policy bureaux ... to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritising. I have also launched the '0-1-1' envelope savings programme to reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the next three financial years. Resources saved will be re-allocated for new services." Please advise this Committee on details of the implementation of the "0-1-1" envelope savings programme by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the services thus affected and the expenditure in this respect in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 135)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has been taking measures to reduce operating expenses through re-engineering and re-prioritisation with a view to achieving the savings target set for it. For example, the Department has changed the mode of supply of uniforms mainly through changing from 'make-to-measure' to 'standard stock sizes' in the production of uniforms for staff; and making reference to samples in lieu of arranging trial wear by staff when placing orders for new uniform designs to cope with operational needs. This measure aims at reducing recurrent expenditure on the supply of uniforms.

On the other hand, the Department is tasked to roll out a number of new initiatives starting from 2016-17, including implementing the new licensing scheme under the Private Columnaria Bill (to be enacted) and sustaining the cleansing efforts delivered under the "Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home" Campaign. To cope with the new tasks, the Department is allocated with additional resources in 2016-17. Hence, the estimate for recurrent expenditure for 2016-17 increases by about \$189 million (3.2%) as compared with the revised estimate for 2015-16.

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**(Question Serial No. 4672)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In reply to our enquiry dated 24 February 2016 about the retrofitting of air-conditioning in markets, the Government stated that “27 of them (the Market Management Consultative Committees) supported conducting a questionnaire survey.” In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. the list of those 27 markets;
2. the manpower and expenditure for conducting the questionnaire survey on the retrofitting project in markets, as well as the expected timetable for launching and finalising the survey; and
3. the expected progress of the retrofitting of air-conditioning in the cooked food centres of Aberdeen Market and Ngau Tau Kok Market, including the expected time for completion of the study; whether the Department has assessed the expenditure for the retrofitting of air-conditioning in the above two markets.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No.74)

1. The information sought is given at Annex.
2. The questionnaire survey on the retrofitting of air-conditioning facilities in the public markets is undertaken by existing staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure involved in the survey. The Department completed by December 2015 the consultation with the respective Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCC) of 74 markets without air-conditioning facilities (including 11 markets which have installed air-conditioning systems only at their cooked food centres). The MMCC for 27 of these markets supported conducting a questionnaire survey. Survey forms were distributed to concerned tenants in February 2016 to collect their views on the installation of air-conditioning facilities. We are now collecting their returns.

3. The Department is following up with the Architectural Services Department on the conduct of a feasibility study on the air-conditioning retrofitting works in Aberdeen Market and Ngau Tau Kok Market Cooked Food Centre. The estimated cost of the retrofitting works will be assessed as part of the study.

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Public Markets/Cooked Food Centres (CFCs) in Public Markets/Cooked Food Markets (CFMs) with Market Management Consultative Committees' support to conduct questionnaire survey on retrofitting of air-conditioning facilities upon implementation of the lowered threshold of 80% support rate with effect from 1 July 2015

Serial no.	District	Name of Public Market/Cooked Food Centre in Public Market/Cooked Food Market
1	Central and Western	Shek Tong Tsui Market
2	Southern	Tin Wan Market
3	Wan Chai	Wong Nai Chung Market (For wet market portion as CFC has already been provided with A/C)
4		Bowrington Road Market (For wet market portion as CFC has already been provided with A/C)
5	Eastern	Quarry Bay Market
6		Sai Wan Ho Market (For wet market portion as CFC has already been provided with A/C)
7		North Point Market
8		Java Road Market (For wet market portion as CFC has already been provided with A/C)
9		Kut Shing Street CFM
10		Electric Road Market
11		Causeway Bay Market
12	Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok CFC
13	Sham Shui Po	Pei Ho Street Market (For wet market portion as CFC has already been provided with A/C)
14		Po On Road Market
15		Lai Wan Market
16		Cheung Sha Wan CFM
17		Tung Chau Street Temporary Market
18	Mongkok	Fa Yuen Street Market
19	Wong Tai Sin	Tai Shing Street Market (For wet market portion as CFC has already been provided with A/C)
20		Ngau Chi Wan Market
21		Sheung Fung Street Market
22	Yuen Long	Tung Yick Market
23	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market
24		Tui Min Hoi Market
25	Kwai Tsing	Wing Fong Street Market
26	Tsuen Wan	Yeung Uk Road Market
27		Tsuen Wan Market

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**(Question Serial No. 4673)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “assist FHB (Food and Health Bureau) in developing proposals for improving the operating environment of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. the manpower and expenditure for implementing the proposals; and
2. given that the Department has consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market, the estimated earliest time for commencement of the improvement works.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

The Consultant commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau put forward recommendations on the functions and positioning of public markets, ways to improve their operating environment and the modes of management of public markets. The Consultant selected six representative markets for detailed study and put forward specific improvement recommendations. The six markets are Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Lockhart Road Market and Wing Fong Street Market. The Government is following up the specific improvement proposals for these markets in phases. Specifically, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of Sheung Fung Street Market and Lockhart Road Market in the fourth quarter of 2015 on the recommended improvement works. The MMCCs expressed support for some of the proposals that do not require temporary closure of stalls or suspension of business. The Department is carefully considering their views and will conduct feasibility studies and seek funding according to the established mechanism for taking forward the improvement works

at those two markets, and the implementation timetable will be worked out accordingly. We will start following up the Consultant's recommended improvements for the other four markets in 2016-17. The experience gained and the improvement recommendations taken forward will serve as reference for pursuing improvements to other similar markets in future.

Apart from the improvement works for the six markets selected by the Consultant, we have been implementing various improvement works in public markets to improve the operating environment. In 2016-17, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department will carry out improvement works in Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (East), Fo Tan Cooked Food Market (West), Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tsuen Wan Market. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$68.5 million. The works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of external wall and refurbishment of toilets.

In addition, to ensure the smooth operation of lift and escalators in the public markets, we have plans to replace by phases lifts and escalators which are over 20 years old. We have earmarked \$115 million to replace 12 lifts and 34 escalators in 16 markets, and will start the replacement work in 2016-17.

The Consultant also suggested implementing some non-physical improvement measures relating to the management, hygiene, as well as marketing and promotion of public markets. As pointed out by the Consultant, the pursuit of these non-physical measures will incur additional costs, require additional resources for management, and require the setting of priorities for implementation. On the management of public markets, the Department agrees with the Consultant that priority should be given to tackling inactive stalls and keeping markets clean and hygienic in general. On marketing and promotion, the Department has been organising various promotional activities in public markets, including festive promotions, games booths, cooking demonstrations and distribution of souvenirs. The Department will sustain its promotional efforts with a view to increasing customer flows in public markets and improving business viability.

The above work will be undertaken by existing staff. The estimated cost of market promotional activities in 2016-17 is \$7 million. The Department plans to create an additional 13 civil service foreman posts in 2016-17 with an annual expenditure of \$3 million to strengthen the existing manpower in market management.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)355****(Question Serial No. 4711)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the collection of household waste and management of refuse collection points (RCPs) under this programme, please advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) whether any RCPs were newly built, relocated or closed from operation in the past three years; if yes, the details with a breakdown by district/region; and
- 2) whether any RCPs will be built, relocated or closed from operation in 2016-17; if yes, the details with a breakdown by district/region.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 132)Reply:

- 1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) did not have any newly added Refuse Collection Points (RCPs) nor did it close down any RCPs in the past three years. As regards the relocation of RCPs, none of the Department's RCPs were relocated in 2013-14, while four and two RCPs were relocated in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. The details of the relocated RCPs are tabulated below.

District	Name / Location of Original RCP	Remarks
<b>2014-15</b>		
Kwun Tong	Yan Oi Court RCP	RCP reprovisioned at a different location within the development site
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Transport Complex RCP	RCP reprovisioned at Hoi Hing Road, Tsuen Wan

<b>District</b>	<b>Name / Location of Original RCP</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
North	Chuk Yuen Village RCP	RCP reprovisioned at Chuk Yuen Resite Village, North District
Tai Po	Tai Po Tau Shui Wai RCP	RCP reprovisioned at Tai Po Road, Tai Wo, Tai Po
<b>2015-16</b>		
Wan Chai	Spring Garden Lane RCP	RCP reprovisioned at Sam Pan Street, Wan Chai
Yuen Long	Ping Shun Street RCP	RCP reprovisioned at a different location within the development site

- 2) The Department is going to build three, relocate four and close down two RCPs in 2016-17. The details are tabulated below.

<b>District</b>	<b>Name / Location of Original / New RCP</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Kowloon City	RCP at Site 1J4 at Kai Tak Development Area	New RCP to be built
Islands	RCP at Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities	New RCP to be built
Sham Shui Po	Camp Street Temporary RCP	RCP to be reprovisioned at a different location within the development site
	Wing Hong Street Temporary RCP	RCP to be reprovisioned at a different location within the development site
North	Lo Wu Station Road RCP	RCP to be reprovisioned at a new site at Lo Wu Station Road, North District
	Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point RCP	New RCP to be built
Tuen Mun	Tsz Tin Tsuen (near Vegetable Market Office) RCP	RCP to be reprovisioned at a different location within the development site

<b>District</b>	<b>Name / Location of Original / New RCP</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Central and Western	Shing Wong Street RCP	RCP to be closed down for releasing the site to the Development Bureau for other development purpose
Sha Tin	Cheung Lek Mei Street RCP	RCP to be closed down for releasing the site to the Lands Department for other land use

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**(Question Serial No. 4712)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the collection of household waste and management of refuse collection points (RCPs) under this programme, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) given that the Environment Bureau is currently conducting the legislative exercise on the household solid waste charging scheme, whether any measures concerning the procedures for collection of household waste, RCPs and village-type RCPs were taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2015-16 to tie in with the exercise; if yes, the details; and
- (2) in connection with the legislative exercise on the household solid waste charging scheme, whether there is/will be any study or work plan in 2015-16 and 2016-17 involving the opening up of RCPs for handling recyclables; if yes, details of the work and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 133)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is a member of the inter-departmental working group convened by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to steer and co-ordinate the preparatory work for the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme (the Scheme). In 2015-16, EPD installed bin-counting devices on three refuse collection vehicles of the Department as part of the pilot trial on the interim charging option of the Scheme.
- (2) With a view to facilitating waste reduction and resource recovery as well as the effective implementation of the Scheme, the Environment Bureau established the

Steering Group on the Modification of Recycling and Refuse Collection Facilities in Public Places in February 2016 to review the provision of recycling and refuse collection facilities in public places and to recommend necessary modifications. As a member of the Steering Group, the Department will provide necessary support and advice to it. Any manpower resources required by the Department in 2016-17 in this respect will be absorbed from within its existing resources.

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**(Question Serial No. 4713)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the collection of household waste and management of refuse collection points (RCPs) under this programme, please advise whether there is/will be any study or work plan in 2015-16 and 2016-17 involving the handling of household food waste through RCPs as a response to the legislative exercise on the household solid waste charging scheme; if yes, the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 134 )

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is a member of the inter-departmental working group convened by the Environmental Protection Department to steer and co-ordinate the preparatory work for the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme. In 2015-16 and 2016-17, there is no plan to conduct organic waste treatment at the refuse collection points managed by the Department.

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