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The Hon Mr Fred LI, JP Chairman, Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Legislative Council 8 Jackson Road Central

Dear Mr LI,

At the joint meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene and the Panel on Environmental Affairs held on 29 November 2005, the Honourable WONG Kwok-hing enquired about the number of non-civil servant contract (NCSC) staff in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. The information is now attached at Annexes A and B for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Vivian Ko) for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

c.c. Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Attn: Mr Donald TONG) Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Attn: Mr LAU Sin-pang)

b.c.c. Director of Environmental Protection (Attn: Mr. Eric CHAN)

Annex A

NCSC staff employed in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department by category as at 1 December 2005

	Total number of staff
Unskilled	340
Skilled	20
Supervisory	44
General administrative / operational / technical	92
Managerial and professional	14
Total	510 *

Note: * The figure also includes 277 staff funded by Job Creation.

Annex B

NCSC staff employed in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department by category as at 1 December 2005

	Total number of staff
Unskilled	165
Skilled	100
Supervisory	162
General administrative / operational / technical	445
Managerial and professional	117
Total	989 *

Note: * The figure also includes 474 staff funded by Job Creation.