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Dear Miss So,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
Information Requested by Members**

**Implementation of the Food Safety Ordinance**

At the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene held on 9 May 2017, Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information on the implementation of the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612) (the Ordinance). The relevant supplementary information is set out below.

**Inspections on Food Importers, Distributors and Retailers**

In 2014-16, one Senior Health Inspector and two Health Inspectors in the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene

Department were responsible for handling the registration scheme for food importers and distributors under the Ordinance and inspecting food importers, distributors and retailers to monitor and verify their compliance with the requirements of registration and keeping transaction records under the Ordinance. In 2014-16, CFS staff inspected 523, 473 and 576 premises of food importers and distributors respectively.

#### Results of the Inspections and Follow-up Actions

In 2014-16, CFS instituted 36 prosecutions against food importers and distributors in contravention of the provisions under the Ordinance. 33 of these prosecutions were against food importers / distributors who did not register under the Ordinance, while three prosecutions were against food traders who did not keep the transaction records in accordance with the Ordinance. Among these cases, 34 resulted in convictions, with fines ranging from \$420 to \$10,000.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

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