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Clerk to LegCo Panel on Food Safety and
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Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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(Attn.: Miss Josephine SO)
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Dear Miss SO,

Initiatives on the Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food

During the discussion about the initiatives on the reduction of salt and sugar in food at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 12 March this year, we were requested to provide supplementary information.

For the past two years (i.e. 2017 and 2018), the Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has taken about 110 000 prepackaged food samples for inspection to see if there was any breach of the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W). Three food products with "low salt", "no salt", "low sugar" or "no sugar" claims were considered breaching the legal requirements, and prosecution actions were taken. Trial on two of the cases has concluded with the defendants fined \$2,000 and \$4,000 respectively, while the trial on the remaining case is still going on.

Promoting territory-wide salt and sugar reduction is our on-going work. The expenditure incurred by the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) in 2017-18 and

2018-19 for implementing individual projects on salt and sugar reduction or publicity activities was \$5.82 million and \$4 million respectively. The manpower and other recurrent expenses concerned have been covered under FHB's overall allocation, and it is difficult to have a separate breakdown.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Teresa Cheung', written in a cursive style.

(Teresa CHEUNG)
for Secretary for Food and Health

cc :

Controller, Centre for Food Safety, Food and Environmental Hygiene
Department (Attn.: Dr. Henry NG)