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Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
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(Attn: Miss Kay Chu)

Dear Miss Chu,

**Follow-up on Meeting of Panel on Health Services on 21 January 2019**  
**Item IV – Prevention and Control of Various Mosquito Borne Diseases**

Thank you for your letter dated 1 February 2019. The Panel on Health Services discussed the subject at its meeting on 21 January 2019. The Administration was requested to provide supplementary information on two items and our response is set out in the ensuing paragraphs –

A. Findings of the monthly trapping of adult mosquitoes in the past two years for test on Japanese encephalitis virus

In 2017 and 2018, a total of 296 and 240 mosquito samples were collected (including *Culex tritaeniorhynchus*) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. All samples collected in 2017 were found to be negative against Japanese encephalitis virus. Among the mosquito samples collected in 2018, 235 of them were found to be negative against Japanese encephalitis virus. Test results of the remaining five samples are still pending.

B. Number of laboratory testing for Zika virus infection in the past two years

The Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the Centre for Health Protection conducted laboratory testing for Zika virus infection on 395 and 111 samples in 2017 and 2018 respectively.

Yours sincerely,



( Ronald Ho )

for Secretary for Food and Health

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