

SFH speaks on e-cigarettes

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, at a media session after the Legislative Council meeting today (June 13):

Reporter: (About e-cigarettes being introduced into the market in Hong Kong.)

Secretary for Food and Health: We are very concerned about the existence of e-cigarettes. We understand that e-cigarettes have already existed in the market and there are many unknown constituents or components in e-cigarettes. According to international studies and some of the testing of e-cigarette samples in Hong Kong, we have discovered that many of these constituents in electronic cigarettes are harmful to health. So we need to quickly strengthen our regulatory framework and legislative framework in order to better control and also regulate e-cigarettes.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)