

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Under the indicator “blood samples taken from poultry for testing of avian influenza H5 antibodies”, the number of samples fell from 87 452 in 2006 to the estimated figure of 82 000 in 2007. What are the reasons for the decrease?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The number of blood samples estimated to be taken in 2007 is based on the current number of live poultry supplied from the Mainland. The total number of samples taken in 2006 was greater because the number of imported chicken during the period January to March 2006 was 30 000 per day. Since April 2006, the number has been adjusted to 20 000 per day.

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