

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

In view of the spate of food incidents in recent years, please advise if the Administration will make use of the additional provision under this programme (an increase of \$85.1 million over 2006-07) to increase the number of food samples taken for testing in its regular food surveillance programme?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The original estimated number of food samples to be taken for testing in 2006 as shown in the 2006-07 Estimate was 63 000. For 2007, the Administration will enhance its food surveillance work, including taking 65 000 samples for testing under the food surveillance programme, as well as taking additional samples in response to food complaints and food incidents; and strengthen the existing food safety functions, including import control, veterinary input in the management of local slaughterhouses and risk communication capabilities.

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