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Question:

Regarding the indicator for "vehicles carrying poultry inspected at Man Kam To", the number of inspections falls year by year. What are the reasons for the decrease?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The estimated number of vehicles carrying poultry inspected at Man Kam To in 2007 is based on the current number of live poultry supplied from the Mainland which is set at 20 000 live chickens per day. The number of imported live poultry has been decreasing as a result of the Government's measures to minimize the occurrence of avian influenza in Hong Kong.

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