

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

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Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will continue to enhance various efforts in safeguarding food safety following the establishment of the Centre for Food Safety in 2006. Please advise on the details and the expenditure so involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

A financial provision of \$38.3 million has been included in the 2007-08 Estimate for the creation of 75 posts and related departmental expenses, including Veterinary Officers, Field Officers, Scientific Officers, Health Inspectors and administrative support staff for enhancing food import control, strengthening veterinary input in the management of local slaughterhouses as well as enhancing food safety risk communication capabilities.

Signature _____

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EDDY CHAN

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Director of
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