

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

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Question :

As the many food poisoning cases occurred in recent years which pose health hazards to the public involved improper handling of food during food preparation in food premises, please advise on whether briefings and training on proper food handling process are provided for food handlers, and if so, the financial provision for 2007-08 and the estimated number of food handlers who will be benefited.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

Under the Hygiene Manager and Hygiene Supervisor (HS) Scheme launched in May 2005, the Department has provided free HS training courses for food handlers of licensed food premises and will continue to do so in 2007-08. The financial provision for the HS courses in 2007-08 is estimated to be \$0.7 million and the estimated number of food handlers who will attend the training is 6 000.

Signature _____

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