

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

Regarding the indicator for “blood samples taken from poultry for testing of avian influenza H5 antibodies”, the 2007-08 estimate number is 82 000 and the 2006 actual number is 87 452, showing a drop of 31 413 (27.69%) and 25 961 (22.9%) respectively as compared with the actual number of 113 413 in 2005. Please advise on the reasons for the decrease.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

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 number of samples taken in 2005 was greater because the average number of imported chickens per day was 30 000 or more. Since April 2006, the number has been adjusted to 20 000 per day.

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