

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

Regarding the performance indicator for “blood samples taken from poultry for testing of avian influenza H5 antibodies”, the number of samples taken fell from 113 413 in 2005 to 87 452 in 2006. What are the reasons for the decrease? How will the Administration ensure that food safety is not affected?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The decrease in the number of blood samples taken in 2006 when compared with 2005 was due to the decrease in the number of imported chickens from the Mainland. Food safety and public health will not be compromised because each consignment of chicken will be tested using the same testing protocol.

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