

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

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Programme : (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

In 2007-08, will the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department conduct thematic studies on the risk of food safety? If so, what are the details and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

In 2007-08, in addition to ad-hoc studies on topical issues of food safety and public health concern, the Centre for Food Safety will conduct seven major thematic risk assessment studies, topics of which include benzoates in prepackaged beverages, mercury in various fish species, microbiological quality of poached chicken, and trans fat in indigenous foods. There is no separate breakdown on the financial provision specially reserved for the thematic risk assessment studies.

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