

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

Please advise on the details and expenditure involved in safeguarding food safety in 2006-07 as well as the details and expenditure involved in this area in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

A financial provision of \$182 million has been included in the 2006-07 Revised Estimate for the Centre for Food Safety (CFS), including the creation of 71 additional posts for strengthening food surveillance and control at import, wholesale and retail levels, improving efficiency in handling the growing number of food incidents and food complaints, increasing liaison with Mainland and overseas food authorities and enhancing risk assessment capabilities.

A financial provision of \$255.9 million has been included in the 2007-08 Estimate for CFS, including the creation of 75 additional posts for enhancing food import control, strengthening veterinary input in the management of local slaughterhouses as well as enhancing food safety risk communication capabilities.

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