

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

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Question :

The number of food business licences suspended/cancelled in 2006 was 23 more than the number in 2005, representing an increase of about 20%. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The major offences leading to suspension / cancellation of licence include improper storage of open food; use of open space for storage / scullery / food preparation; and unauthorized extension of food business beyond the licensed area. There was an increase in the number of prosecutions against unauthorized extension of food business beyond the licensed area in 2006 compared to 2005. The increase in the number of suspension / cancellation of licence in 2006 could be attributable to this factor.

Signature _____

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