

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

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Question :

In view of the increasing importance of implementing food control measures at sources, did the Administration, after introducing the registration system for Mainland freshwater fish farms for supply to Hong Kong, allocate additional resources and manpower for inspecting the registered fish farms? If so, please provide details. What are the anticipated indicators for the number of inspections and the number of fish farms to be inspected in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

Financial provision has been included in the 2007-08 Estimate for the creation of 8 additional posts including 2 Veterinary Officers and 6 Field Officers to enhance farm inspections in the Mainland, including some 20 visits to the registered fish farms. The amount of financial provision for the above activity is not separately identifiable.

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Date _____ **15.3.2007** _____